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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A SECOND KOREA?

THE civil war in Indonesia can have dangerous international consequences. Even if President Soekarno succeeds now in crushing the centres of the revolt in Sumatra, he will not extinguish the rebellion. The causes go too deep. Resistance will still continue. Out of this will come the risk that external powers may become involved.

President Soekarno has admitted that in order to put down the rebels he is appealing for aid from abroad. There is little doubt about the quarter from which he expects arms to come. The ultimate suppliers would be China and Russia.

Apparently he has already received some Russian ships. But President Soekarno may prefer not to receive too much aid directly from Communist hands. Reports are circulating that on his recent visit to Cairo he arranged for arms supplies to come from Egypt. In fact they would be Russian arms. But Egypt would be the country which formally gave the help.

Indonesian pilots are said to be receiving training in Egypt. According to these reports, they are learning to fly MIG fighters and Russian bombers which may presently be delivered to Djakarta.

Loss Invidious

PRESIDENT Soekarno probably hopes that if he receives aid from Egypt, a Moslem country, it will be less invidious in the eyes of his people than if he appeals to atheist Russia. But he will none the less have to deliver Indonesia into the hands of the Communists. The Communists will exact their price for aid which has been given.

A Communist Indonesia would change the balance of power throughout Asia and throughout the world. Politically, Indonesia is at the heart of Southeast Asia. If the Communists, being still a minority party, try to gain power in Djakarta by force, and by riding on the coat-tails of President Soekarno, the resistance will be prolonged and bitter. Even if the present rebellion in Sumatra is crushed, there will be other, and perhaps more effective, protests.

If the fighting continues, an Indonesian civil war could become as great a threat to world peace as was the war in Korea seven years ago. The world was lucky when that war did not widen out. Russia might have thought twice about provoking it if at the start it had foreseen how near to world war its adventure was to bring it.

Parallel

THERE is another disturbing parallel. Between 1939 and 1938 in the time of Hitler and Mussolini the Spanish civil war threatened to embroil the great powers in Europe. Indonesia could be another Spain—and on a world-wide scale.

The hope is that these lessons of history will be fully understood by Russia and China when they come to consider President Soekarno's application for help. Aid from one side is not likely to go unanswered; and the complications may get out of hand. The final results may be very different from what was at first intended.

Perhaps nothing irrevocable has yet been done. Caution may still prevail. But President Soekarno's appeal is an international danger. Much international discussion will be needed to provide against the consequences of recklessness.

GAILLARD THREATENS TO RESIGN



FELIX GAILLARD

Ministers May Withdraw From Coalition

Paris, Mar. 19.
French Premier, Felix Gaillard reportedly told Cabinet Ministers tonight that he would hand in his resignation if the Conservative Independent and Peasant Parties withdrew their ministers from his Government.

The Premier's decision was made known after a ministerial meeting at which the Premier discussed the new threat to his coalition Government with five of his ministers. The latest political storm boiled up suddenly less than 24 hours after Gaillard had won a vote of confidence in the National Assembly.

The Independents and Peasants, whose 100 odd members normally back the Government, issued a virtual ultimatum threatening to withdraw if Gaillard agreed to certain reported counter-proposals from President Habib Bourguiba to settle the Tunisian dispute. Their decision will be taken tomorrow afternoon at a joint meeting of members of the group from both Houses. It will depend on the explanations offered earlier in the day by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister, Christian Pineau, before the Foreign Affairs Committee, on the double problem of Algeria and the future of the French air bases in Tunisia.

'GAILLARD IS A TRAITOR'

Paris, Mar. 19.
Several hundred war veterans shouting "Tunisia is French" and "Gaillard is a traitor" tried to demonstrate tonight in front of the French Premier's official residence on the Left Bank. But they were quietly dispersed by some 100 policemen, part of more than 1,000 heavily armed riot police who surrounded the area when warning of the demonstration was received.—United Press.

The joint meeting of Deputies and Senators is entitled under French law to decide on the future participation or withdrawal of its ministers, provided that the decision is adopted by a two-thirds majority. The group has only two ministers, Indochina, Commerce and Construction and Housing, and two Secretaries of State, in the present Government, but their departure would pose an almost insoluble problem for Felix Gaillard in the redistribution of portfolios.

The Government is thus facing, on the very day after a vote of confidence, one of the sharpest crises since it took office, with the future of Franco-Tunisian relations and the good offices mission of Robert Murphy and Harold Beeley at the heart of the problem.

The Independents apparently fear that the American and English mediators may in the last resort persuade the French Government to renounce French sovereignty over Algeria, and to renounce control of the South Tunisian aerodromes without a formal guarantee that security measures will first be taken to prevent the Algerian rebels from taking advantage of the French departure.

Murphy and Beeley have reportedly brought back to Paris certain counter-proposals from Tunisian President Bourguiba, and this afternoon they talked for an hour and a half with the French Premier. These counter-proposals will be examined at a Cabinet meeting on Friday morning.—France-Press.

Moscow, Mar. 19.
The newly elected Supreme Soviet (Parliament) of Russia will meet on March 27, it was announced in Moscow today.—Reuters.

Demonstrations Won't Affect US-British Agreement

Washington, Mar. 19.
The Defence Secretary, Neil McElroy, said today that he did not believe recent demonstrations in Great Britain against the continued presence of US troops would affect the US-British agreement on bases.

"But we'd prefer to have it otherwise," he said, in explaining that the Department was concerned over the British public protests.

Mr McElroy testified in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the foreign aid bill. In his formal statement he said: "An important recent development is the agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom for the deployment of ICBM squadrons on British soil, manned by British personnel on bases provided by them."

During the questioning period Senator Russell Long (Democrat) asked him whether he was familiar with recent public protests in Great Britain about US troops being there. Mr McElroy replied: "Yes, we would prefer to have it otherwise, but it is my understanding that it does not affect our agreement with the British."—United Press.

LLOYDS BANK HELD UP BY ARMED MAN

Cranbrook, Mar. 19.
A well-dressed armed man walked into Lloyds Bank here today, held the staff of five up at the point of a gun, forced them to hand over more than £2,200 in notes then calmly departed. Just 15 minutes and 11 miles away police halted a car driven by an armed man after the chase. The car driver was not held by police. A Bank spokesman said all the money had been recovered. Later a man was charged with robbery with violence of £2,274. He will appear in court here tomorrow.—Reuters.

DOESN'T WANT SUMMIT TALKS IN US

Washington, Mar. 19.
The United States Government was reported today to have decided against a summit meeting being held in this country.

It was said to prefer such a conference in Europe with Geneva and Stockholm both mentioned unofficially as possible sites for a meeting next autumn. Although President Eisenhower said recently that he would prefer a meeting in the United States if a summit conference proved to be lengthy, United States officials have been worried by the security aspect of a visit by Messrs Khrushchev and Bulganin because guarding the Soviet leaders would present many problems. The President told a press conference two weeks ago that

HOLOCAUST RAZES NY BUILDING: 23 KILLED

New York, Mar. 19.
One of the worst fires in New York City history swept a five-storey garment industry building today, touching off a screaming panic. Hysterical workers jumped four storeys to the street and more than a score were burned to death.

Twenty-three bodies had been carried from the still-smouldering building more than four hours after the fire broke out. They included 18 women and five men. Many were burned beyond recognition.

Thirteen injured were taken to Bellevue Hospital, some in critical condition.

Miraculously

The dead and injured included white, negro and Puerto Rican employees of the SGS Textile Company—on the third floor where the fire started—and the March Underwear Company on the floor above.

Two persons survived the inferno almost miraculously. They leapt into metal storage boxes to flee the flames. The boxes were kept cool by the torrents of water poured into the building by the hoses of the 100 firemen who rushed to the scene.

The fire claimed more lives than any blaze to strike New York City in 12 years. A total of 37 persons were killed in 1946 when the Knickerbocker ice plant and nearby tenements burned.

Workers caught at their benches by the fire fought furiously to escape through blinding smoke and flames. Three persons leaped screaming to the street before firemen had a chance to put up their nets. One woman tried to jump into a net, missed and landed on a would-be rescuer's head, injuring him critically.

Found Bodies

When firemen finally were able to enter the building, two hours after the blaze broke out, they found bodies huddled under work benches in the underwear factory and heaped by a doorway, where the victims apparently were caught as they grouped and clawed their way in frantic efforts to escape.

The tragedy began with an explosion and a whoosh of flame when a man identified only as R. Swanton, 42, co-owner of SGS textile, opened the door to a textile curling oven and touched a lit match to the gas jet. A jet of flame shot from the oven into the textile firm, where Swanton, his sister, Ellen Rogers, and another person were working.

The flames spread rapidly, roaring through the brick building sitting squatly between two tall office structures. Within moments, the fire had roared to the fourth floor where some 30 Monarch workers were at work.—United Press.

Djakarta Reports Numerous Victories In North Sumatra

Djakarta, Mar. 19.
Radio Medan said tonight that 50 rebel troops were killed and 32 captured in a fight with Central Government forces near Pematang Siantar in Northern Sumatra today.

The broadcast, quoting an official Army communiqué, said that one Central Government commando was killed in the action. It said the rebel unit was led by Captain Sita Pohan, one of the officers dishonourably discharged for taking part in the Medan revolt on Sunday.

A Djakarta Army spokesman, Lieut-Col Rudy Pringadie, also reported the surrender of 200 rebels north of Medan and the capture, after a battle, of the town of Pangkalan Brandan. He again denied that the oil centre of Pekanbaru had been retaken by the rebels.

REINFORCEMENTS

(In Padang, a rebel spokesman said reinforcements from Tapanuli had entered the Tigapalan area and were engaging Government troops. He said Achinese troops were engaged in the Tamlana area north of Medan while rebels who withdrew from Medan were fighting containing actions around the city.)

Colonel Pringadie said the 200 rebels who surrendered were fleeing toward the Atjeh region, Pangkalan Brandan is on the route the rebels took.

In other areas of East Sumatra, the Government troops accepted the surrender of two companies of rebel troops with their arms, which included six bazookas and anti-aircraft artillery.

(A Padang Radio broadcast heard in Singapore tonight said rebel troops scored a victory over Djakarta forces at Papat between Pematang Siantar and Lake Tobo. The broadcast did not mention Langkat, which was claimed captured on Tuesday.)

ANOTHER CLASH

The Djakarta radio quoted the press officer of the North Sumatra military district as reporting another clash at Siribu Dolok and Gunung Muri, both south of Medan.

He said a number of rebel troops entered Major W. F. Nainggolan, who led the attempted Medan coup, had surrendered. He did not give any casualty figures.

The Government charged that Major Nainggolan had given money to rebel troops to prevent them from joining the Central Government forces. It also said he had mounted machineguns at the head of his column to prevent the men from fleeing. This column apparently was the same one which the Air Force said was strafed with a heavy loss of life.—United Press.

People Rescued

Tristan Da Cunha, Mar. 19.
Nine men and a 14-year-old girl from this South Atlantic island were rescued today after being missing for four days in stormy seas in wood and canvas boats.—Reuters.

Hongkong Ships Released

Tokyo, Mar. 20.
Central Indonesian authorities released two Hongkong registered vessels detained in Makassar in the South Celebes, it was reported today.

The Indonesian Antara news agency, in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo, identified the two vessels as the Troop Breeze and the Wineri. Both vessels, the agency said, were seized "about one month ago" for being in Indonesian waters "without the necessary papers."

STILL DETAINED

"They were released again after they paid fines amounting to 200,000 and 250,000 rupiahs (about US\$17,540 and US\$21,050) respectively," the agency added.

The agency said that another foreign ship, the Panamanian vessel Lulu, was still detained at Makassar, but that the public prosecutor there said the vessel also would be released after it had paid a fine of 250,000 rupiahs.

The agency also reported that the Polish Ocean Lines opened its Djakarta-Shanghai-Tokyo route on Wednesday after the arrival in Djakarta's harbour at Tandjung Priok on Tuesday of the 10,000-ton Florian Ceynowa.—United Press.

CONFIRMED

Messrs John Manners, owners of the Troop Breeze, confirmed this morning that their vessel had been released by the Indonesian authorities. She was now on the high seas, it was learnt.

A spokesman said the ship was allowed to sail from custody yesterday after payment of fine by the charterers.

The owner of the Wineri, Messrs Lee Brothers of Connaught Road, said they had received no information so far about their ship, which was also under charter at the time she was seized. A company official said it was hard to be paid at all, it would be by the charterers.

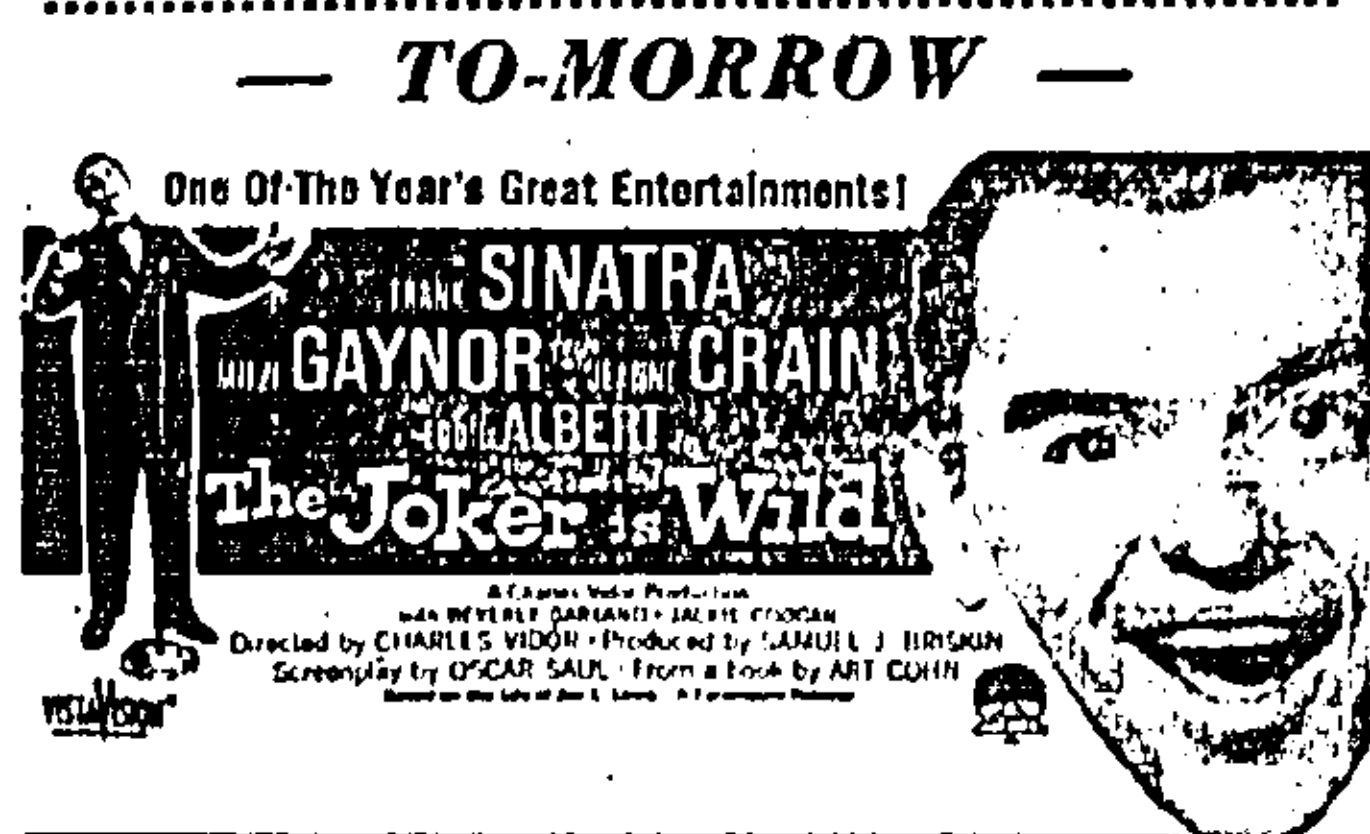
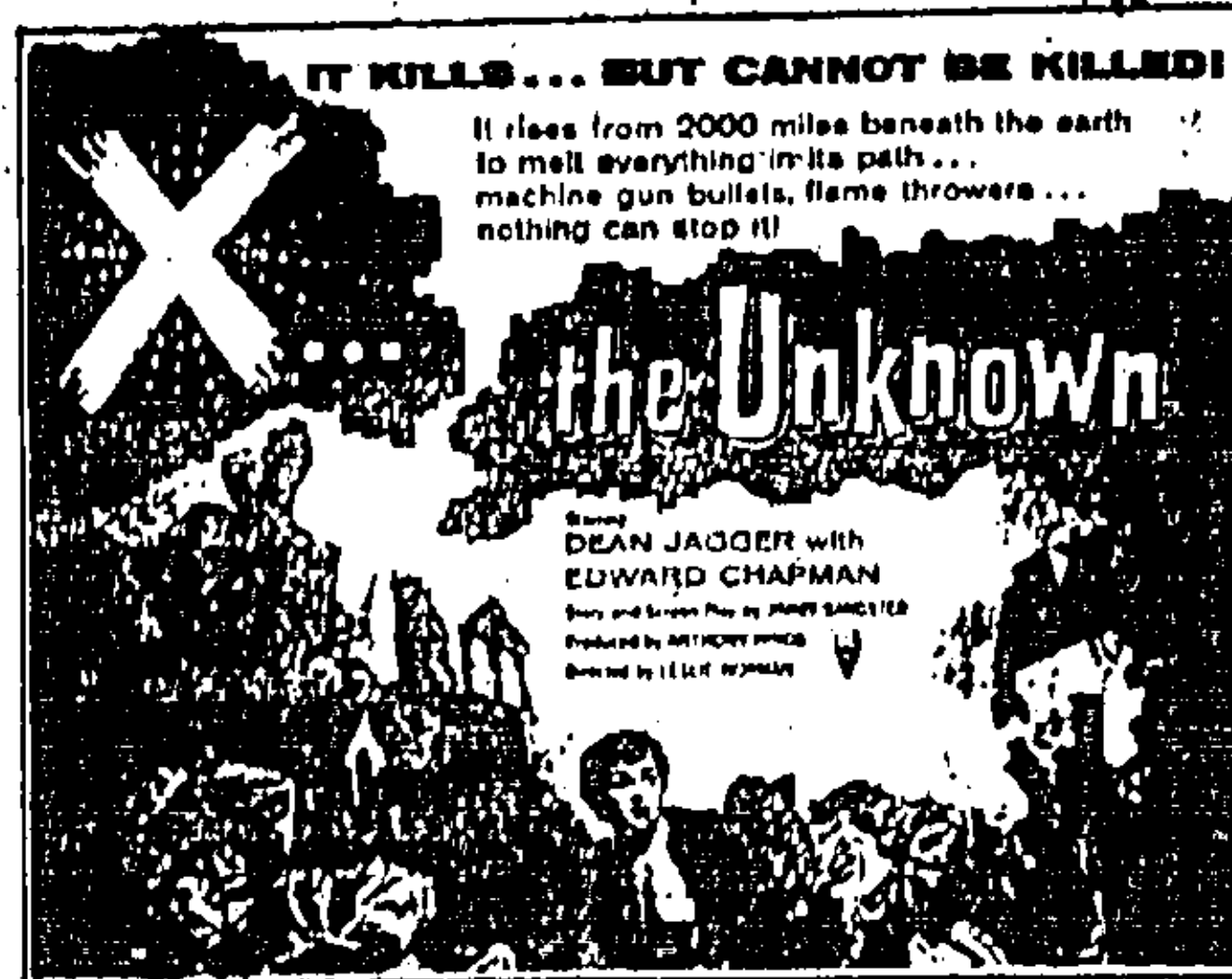
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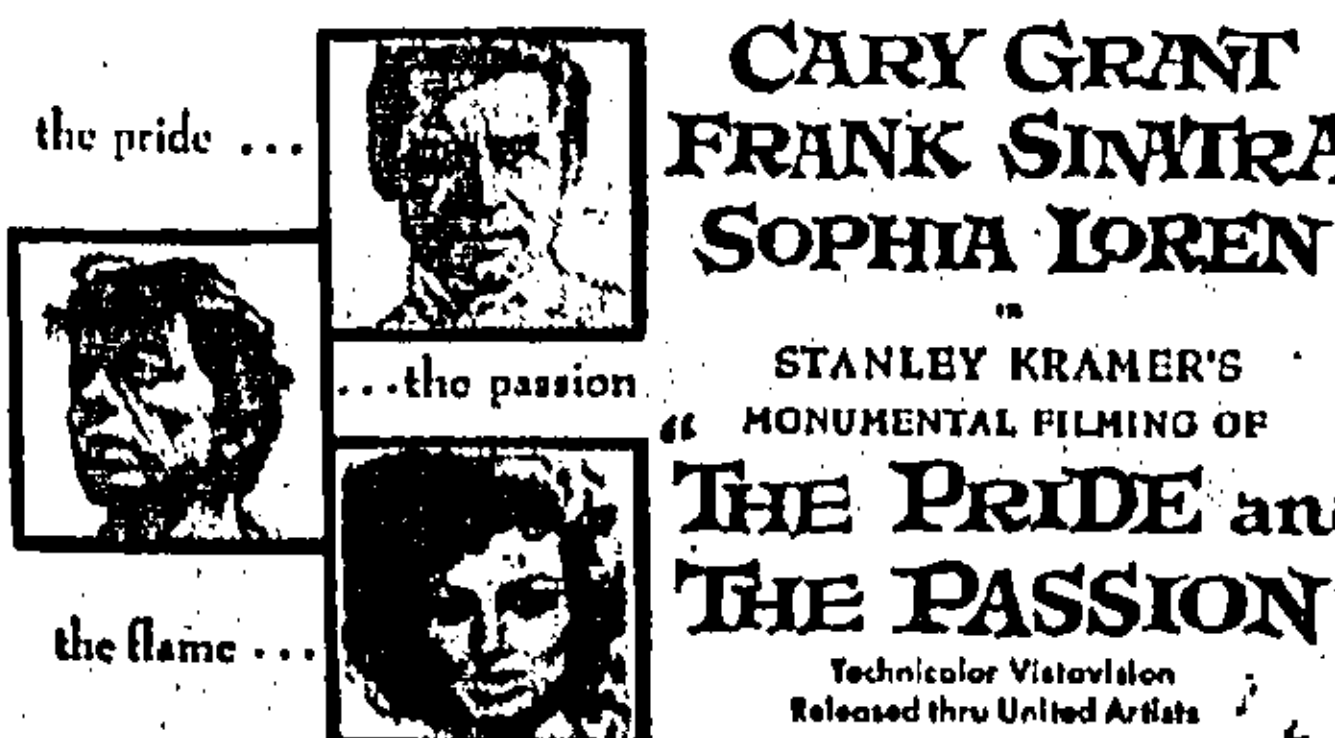


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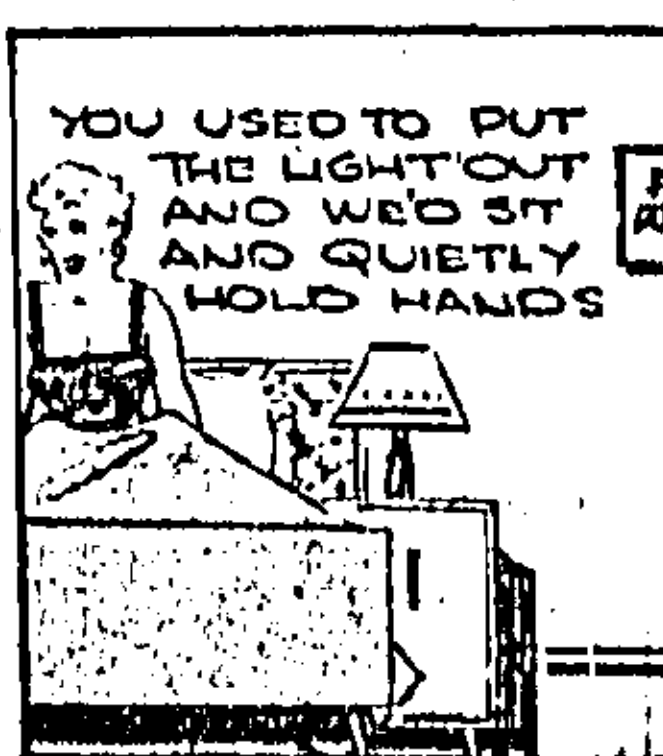
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DANGERS OF UNSUCCESSFUL SUMMIT TALKS

NIXON SOUNDS WARNING

The Tension Would Be Increased By Failure

Chicago, Mar. 19.
Vice-President Richard Nixon warned here tonight that an unsuccessful summit conference would increase world tensions, and, he added, an inadequately prepared conference was "doomed" to failure.

Mr. Nixon, in a speech prepared for delivery to the national nuclear energy conference, said the Soviet Union was placing a barrier on the road to possible summit talks by insisting on conditions that would cause such talks to fail. "A summit conference which failed," he said, "would increase rather than reduce tensions. A conference which is not preceded by adequate preparatory discussions is doomed to fail."

Mr. Nixon said that Soviet leaders would agree to preliminary meetings to discuss the substance as well as the form of subjects to be placed before the heads of state at a summit conference if they really wanted peace.

"Only in this way can the summit leaders be assured that they will be spending their time at such a conference in discussing subjects in which an area of agreement is possible, rather than participating in a propaganda exercise which would inevitably increase international tensions."

Mr. Nixon said it was unfortunate that much of the world believed Soviet propaganda to the effect that the United States does not want peace.

It was necessary, he said, "to sharpen the truth into a weapon as effective and devastating as the Soviet lie."

Mr. Nixon added that the administration had evidence that the recession was leveling off in some areas.

Mr. Nixon, however, would not specify in what parts of the country the administration had detected a leveling-off of the recession.

He promised: "The Federal government will not and cannot tolerate a prolonged

recession in the United States." Mr. Nixon made the statements in a brief news conference upon his arrival to speak before the 1958 Nuclear Congress. His plane was delayed an hour and 15 minutes by snow flurries between Chicago and Washington. —United Press and Reuter.

THREE DIE IN FIERCE KNIFE DUEL

Manila, Mar. 20.
Four Moros (Moslem Filipinos) fought a fierce knife duel yesterday in a rice field in Jolo Province, Southern Philippines, resulting in the death of three and near-fatal injury to the fourth.

The combatants, two on one side, were cousins. Two of those killed, according to a preliminary investigation, kidnapped the lone survivor of the duel two years ago but the latter managed to escape. Although refusing to charge his cousins in court, he nursed his grudge which erupted yesterday. —France-Press.

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• GRAND OPENING TO-MORROW •



THE DUKE PAYS A VISIT TO 'PUNCH'

London, Mar. 19.
THE Duke of Edinburgh visited the offices of "Punch" — Britain's national humorous weekly — here today and attended the 185-year-old weekly cartoon choosing lunch.

He was the first "stranger" to sit at this purely private gathering since Mark Twain's visit to London in 1907.

The lunch was held round the traditional hard deal table on which nearly all who have lunched there have carved their initials.

The Duke added his initials with considerable dexterity. He cut a monogrammatic Greek "P" on the table. —Reuter.



A 'MIRACLE' MEDICAL DISCOVERY

Baltimore, Mar. 19.
A Johns Hopkins scientist has made a discovery that shows strong promise of a miracle medical breakthrough that would enable the diagnosis of all diseases through a simple blood test, according to a copyrighted story in the Baltimore News-Post today.

The discoverer is Dr. Winston Price, director of medical ecology at the Hopkins school of hygiene and public health. Briefly, Dr. Price's discovery hinges on his findings that certain blood plasma particles, known as "mucoids," appear in different patterns with each disease. These patterns, he believes, can be recognized accurately enough to provide a basis for diagnosis.

Three days.
The process, he explained, takes about three days. Only last year, Dr. Price won wide attention for his discovery of a vaccine effective against the variety of the common cold. But his latest discovery could, according to the News-Post, "make the previous one pale into insignificance."

Dr. Price emphasized, however, that his findings were still in the preliminary stages and subject to later verification. He said findings to date were based on 160 persons with various diseases. Each disease, he found, produced a characteristic mucoid pattern, and each pattern repeated itself for the same disease.

Should Dr. Price's preliminary findings prove correct, the News-Post article continued, the early diagnosis of cancer with a great number of cures is only one of its promises. —United Press.

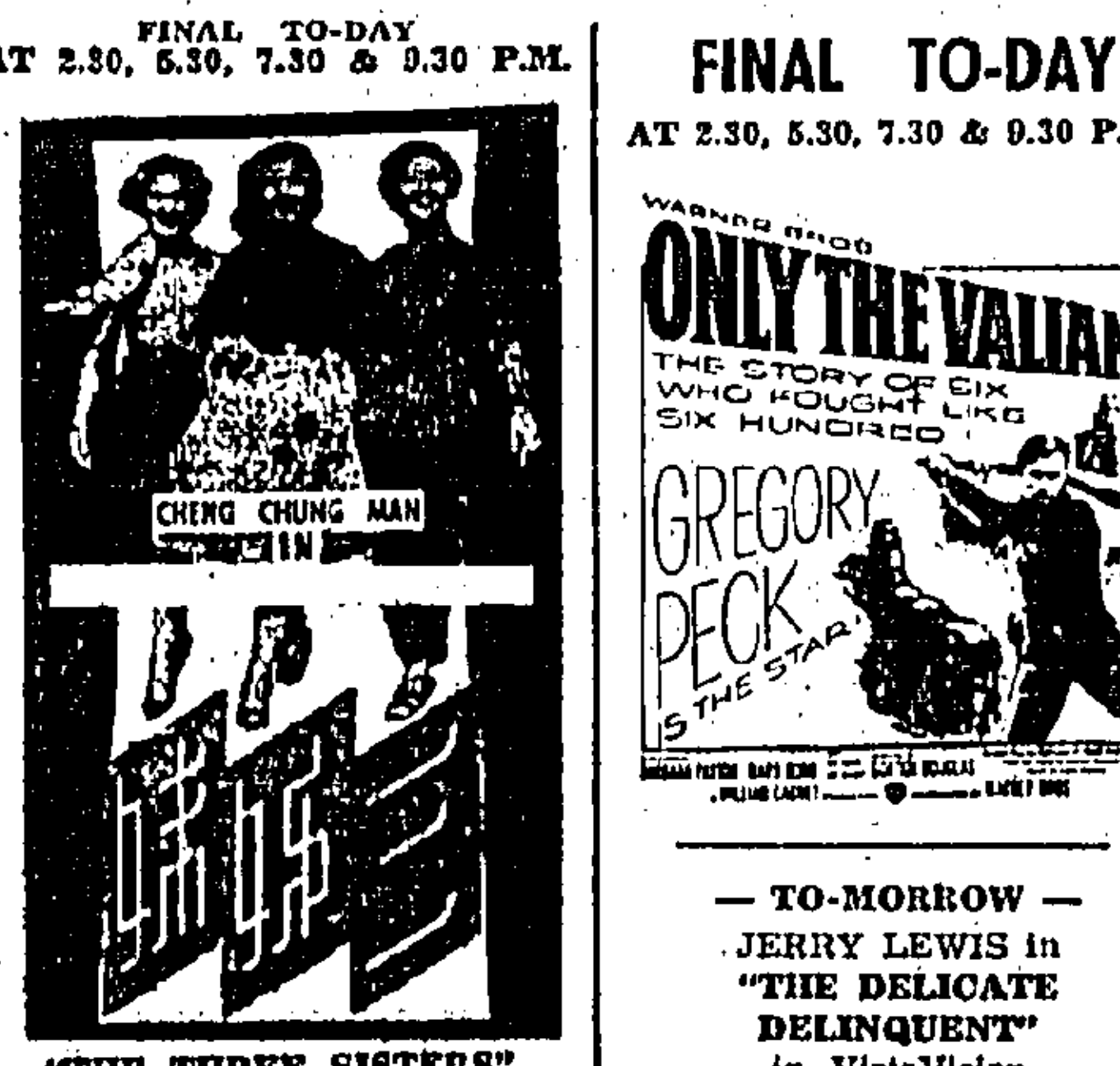
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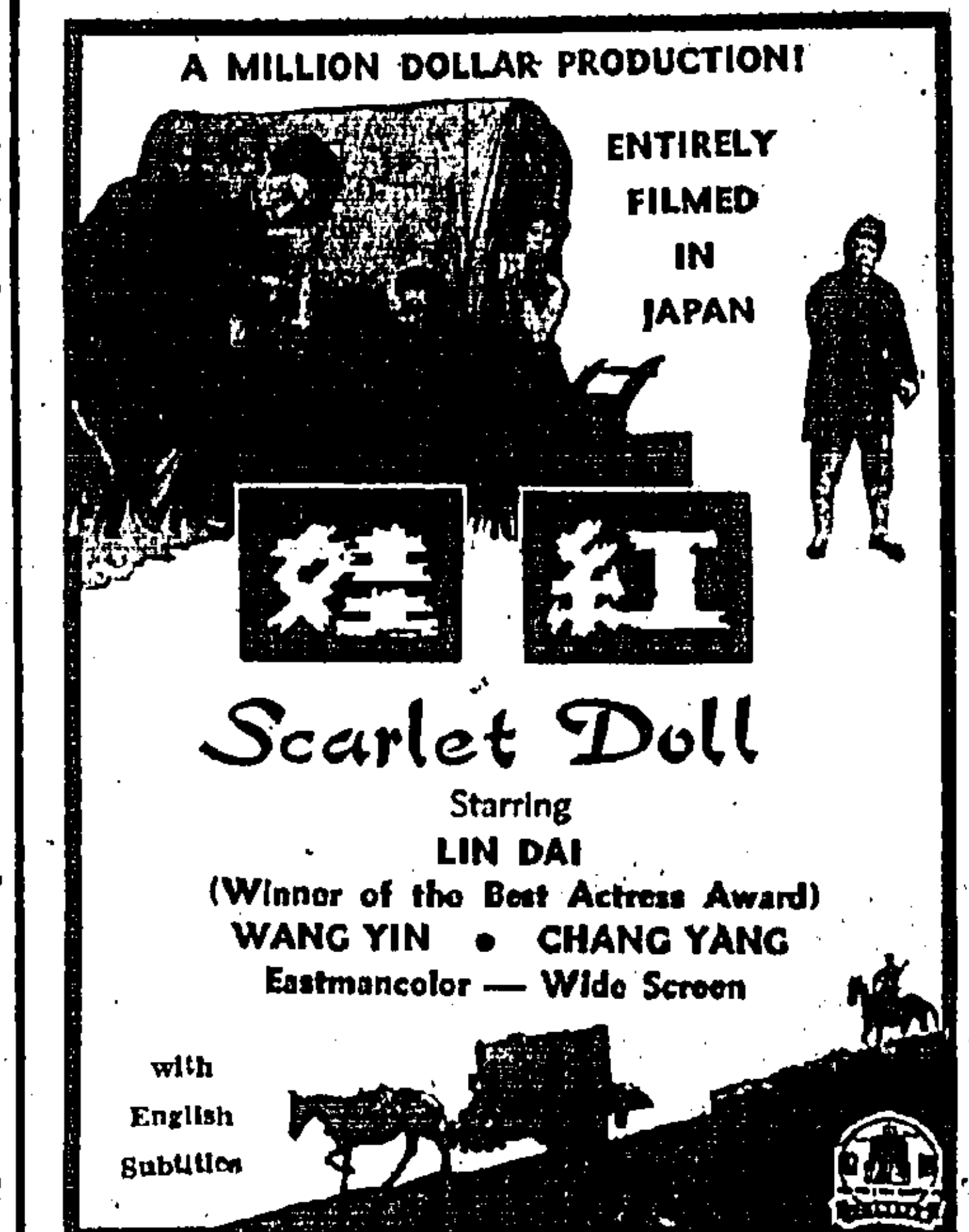
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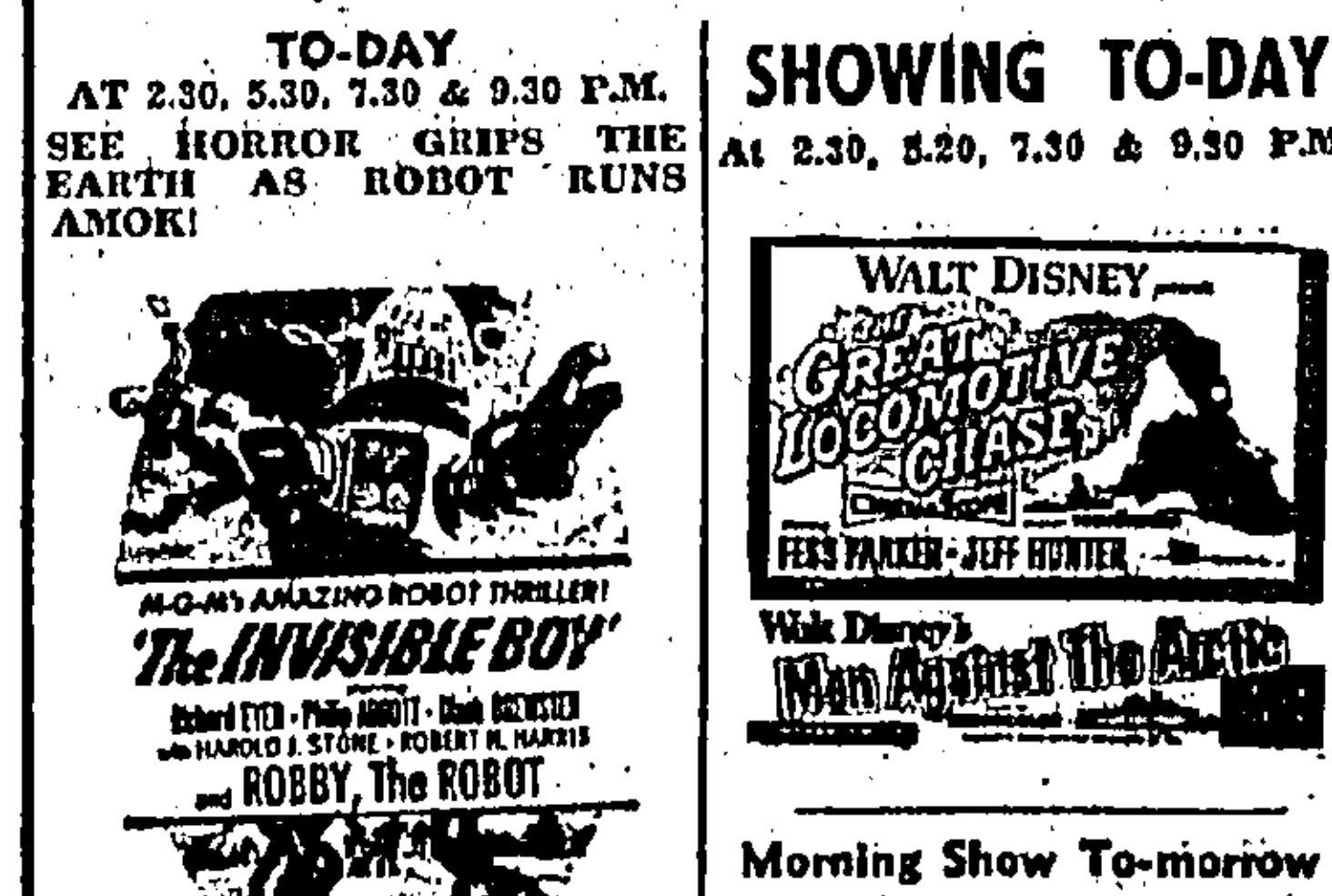
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CABLE BRIEFS

Atlanta, Mar. 19. Virginia Davis got her inter-
age across, but it didn't bring
the help she needed. She was
alone in her dairy bar when a
man strolled in, pointed a gun
at her and demanded money.
And, as things worked out, he
got it.

A customer drove up, stepped
from his car and walked to the
entrance. Mrs. Davis perform-
ed a subtle pantomime to inform
the customer she was being
robbed.

The customer understood, ap-
parently. He backed all the way
to his car and quickly drove
away.—United Press.

Pyeongtaek, Mar. 19.
Kim Kye Chon, Chief of the
District Police Station in this
village about 40 miles south of
Seoul, was fired when the
Station burned down.

Kim also was District Fire
Marshal.—United Press.

London, Mar. 19.
A public inquiry was held
yesterday into the reason why
the roofs blew off 28 houses in
a suburban development during
a recent gale.

The reason, the builders testi-
fied, was that no one told them
the aluminum roofings needed
to be nailed down.—United
Press.

Marietta, Mar. 19.
Maxie Eugene Spears, 38, ad-
vised in a farm market bulletin
for a job and now is assured
of at least a year's work.

Sheriff Jesse Cooper answered
the ad, served a six-month-
old vagrancy warrant on Spears
and took him before a judge
who sentenced him to 12 months
on a road gang.—United Press.

Dayton, Mar. 19.
A man walked into the
Juvenile Bureau of the Dayton
Police Station and asked police
woman Diana Robinson where
he could find "Mr. Assembly."
She said there was no such
policeman.

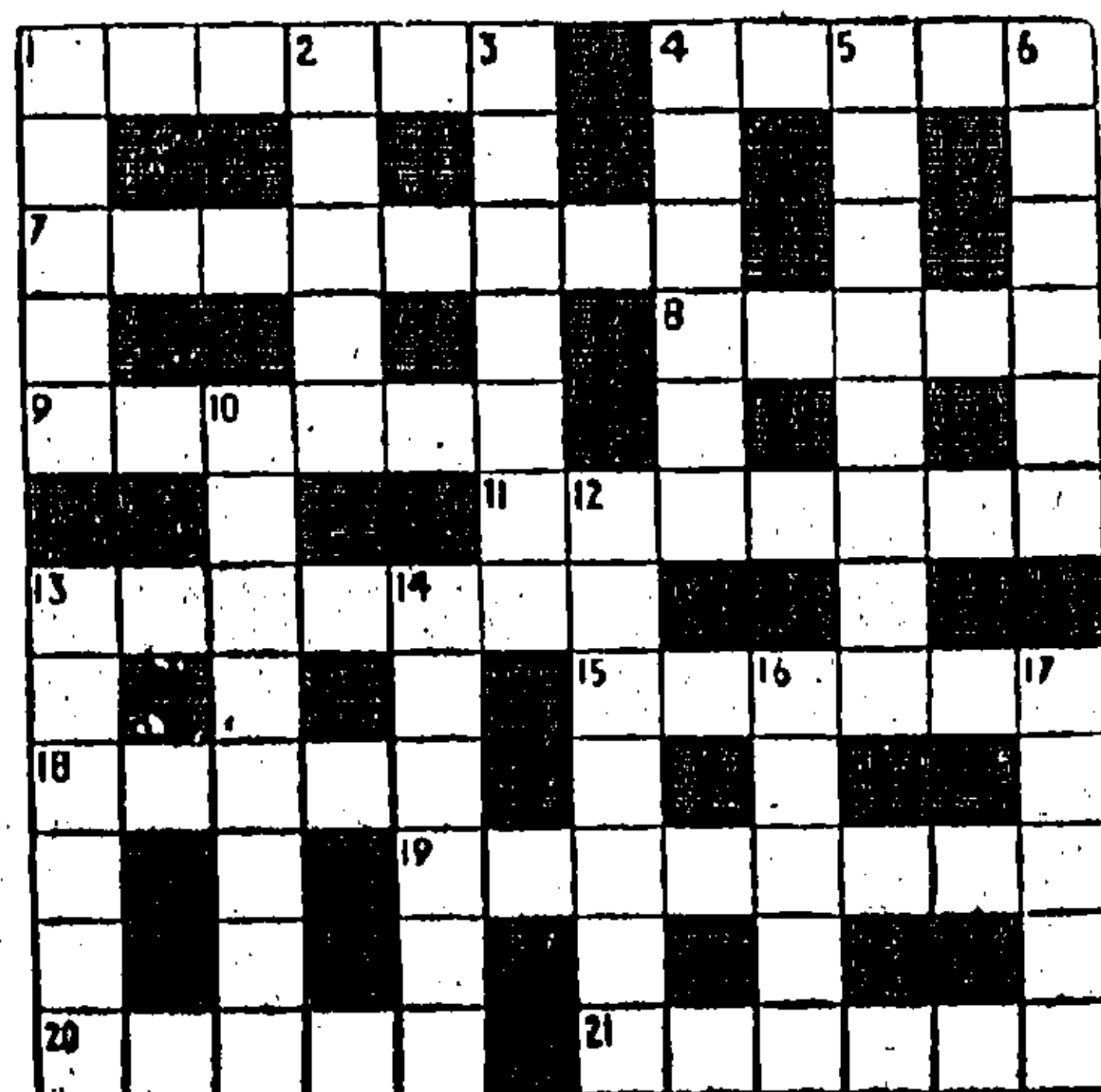
"But," said the man, point-
ing to a letter he carried, "it
says right here, go to Detective
Assembly."—United Press.

Hollywood, Mar. 19.
Everyone concerned says it's
merely coincidence that the star
of the CBS-TV "Schlitz Play-
house" programme this Friday
will be actress Jacqueline Beer.
—United Press.

Manila, Mar. 20.
A jealous octogenarian last
night bludgeoned to death with
a piece of firewood and a big
stone his 76-year-old wife in
Cebu city, Central Philippines.

Reports from Cebu said that
73-year-old Juan Dronola at-
tacked his wife because of
suspicions she was carrying on
with a neighbour, aged 80.—
France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS:**
- Put under pressure (6).
 - Fold (5).
 - 6-1-2-3-4-5 (8).
 - Frolicsome birds (5).
 - Hypnotic state (6).
 - 11 Squid (7).
 - Colour (7).
 - Those who won't toe the line (6).
 - One of no fixed address (5).
 - Visualized (8).
 - 20 The a fact (6).
 - 21 He's crazy (6).
- DOWN:**
- The Navy's not slow, of course (6).
 - Possibly minor cleric (5).
 - Most expensive (7).
 - Kitchen implement (6).
 - This is where we came in (8).
 - Bit of a struggle (6).
 - Difference of opinion (8).
 - Pole on board ship (7).
 - Colored (6).
 - There cult (6).
 - Could be Vegetarian (6).
 - Chair with no legs (5).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Glad (vs), 4 Sundial, 6 Iron, 9 River, 10 Liberal, 11 Edit, 12 Set, 14 Denial, 17 Trash, 19 Bear, 22 Garland, 23 Amid, 27 Town, 28 R.E., 29 Pair, 30 Edge, 31 Nannies, 32 Rags. Down: 2 Lotion, 3 Priest, 4 Solid, 5 United, 6 Dress, 7 Apart, 12 Stag (beetle), 13 Tour, 15 Item, 16 Yard, 18 Entrance, 20 Hamper, 21 Airing, 23 Arena, 24 Lotion, 25 Deeds.

"Just In The Talking Stage Now, But..."

US PLANS GIANT SATELLITE

Marie Is Sued By Husband

Hollywood, Mar. 19. Millionaire Harry Karl today filed suit for divorce against actress Marie (The Body) McDonald, claiming she caused him "great mental anguish and humiliation" with her story that he engineered her 1957 kidnaping.

Miss McDonald yesterday conceded in an interview with the District Attorney that Karl was not responsible for the much-publicized January 1957 abduction.

In his petition for divorce, filed in Santa Monica Superior Court, Karl said: "The defendant had maliciously and with intent to damage plaintiff repeatedly issued false statements to the press accusing him of a capital offense... arranging for or being a party to the kidnapping of the defendant, with intent to cause plaintiff great mental anguish and humiliation."

ACTION

The action stated that Karl and Miss McDonald were married on September 1, 1947, and later divorced. They re-married in Yuma, Arizona, on June 14, 1955. A divorce initiated in 1956 never became final, but the couple separated on December 24, 1957.

Karl and his wife had three children, two of them—Denise, 8, and Harrison, 7—adopted. The actress gave birth to Tina Marie Karl on September 12, 1956.

The divorce suit brought by Karl said that Miss McDonald "wrongfully inflicted on the plaintiff grievous mental suffering and made it impossible for the parties... to live happily together as husband and wife".—United Press.

The Vanguard Hurtles Through Space

Baltimore, Mar. 19. The Vanguard earth satellite changes both speed and altitude during the 134 minutes it takes to describe its elliptical loop around the earth, a spokesman for the Glen Martin Aircraft Corporation which perfected the tiny sphere, said today.

The spokesman told newsmen at the Martin headquarters here that the Navy's satellite had an estimated maximum speed of 18,400 m.p.h. at its perigee, only 400 miles from the earth.

But the Vanguard moves along at the relatively slow speed of 12,000 m.p.h. at its apogee some 2,500 miles from the earth.

Its average speed over its 29,300 mile loop is estimated at 19,000 m.p.h. by the Martin experts. The difference between the top and minimum speeds is explained by the pull of the earth.

Meanwhile, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory said today that the Vanguard may have been sighted today by a Moonwatch team at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

"GOOD CHANCE"

The Moonwatch team reported sighting an object in space at 11:13 GMT in a position that indicated it might have been the satellite, a spokesman said.

A study of the report "indicated a good chance it was the satellite," the spokesman said.

If the sighting is confirmed, it would be the first time the six-inch sphere has been seen from earth since it was hurled into space on Monday.

A report from Johannesburg says a team of American and South African astronomers at Oltan Station, near Pretoria, took the first photograph of the first American satellite, the "Explorer," last night, it was announced today.

The team used one of the first five "Beckermun" telescopic cameras to be put into operation at satellite tracking stations around the world. Each camera cost \$220,000.—France-Press and United Press.

An Artificial Moon 100 Feet In Diameter

Washington, Mar. 19.

The United States may try to launch an earth satellite 100 feet in diameter, it was disclosed in congressional testimony published today.

Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, Director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), said US scientists were giving "serious interest" to putting up a balloon-like moon that size.

Dryden said in closed-door testimony to a House Appropriations Subcommittee on February 18 that the project was just "in the talk stage" now, but it might be possible to achieve success within two years.

The NACA is known to be interested in inflatable satellites in various sizes, made of aluminum-plastic. The satellite would be compressed into a small package.

When the proper altitude and velocity is reached, a cartridge would fire to inflate the satellite into its full size.

I. H. Abbott, Assistant Director of the NACA for Research, said one purpose would be to get accurate measurement of atmospheric drag. Because of its extremely light weight, the satellite would be more affected by drag and fall more quickly.

Dryden said a 100-foot satellite, put into an orbit two to three times as high as Explorer I, would enable communications experts to "do some good tricks." It would be high enough to reflect radio signals which cannot be sent around the curvature of the earth, he explained.

Dryden also testified that the number of satellites being put into space for long periods of time may complicate the task of devising a way to detect and shoot down enemy missiles.

"By the time we get a couple dozen satellites in the air, the

job of keeping track of them and distinguishing them from ballistic missiles coming at us will become a very serious problem," he said.

Space Man?

Meanwhile in Washington, the Air Force denied today that its missile expert, Maj.-Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, has said that the Air Force has been assigned the task of putting a man into space.

The official Air Force statement said Schriever in a commencement address to students of the Air Force Institute of Technology last night merely referred to a statement by Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy on February 7.

In his statement, McElroy said: "We haven't determined yet on the manned satellite, this space ship, but I would think that that also might very probably remain with the Air Force as a project inasmuch as manned flight has been..."

McElroy added that the matter "can be determined later but that would be my expectation that that would naturally remain with the Air Force as a responsibility."

The Air Force also denied that Schriever had referred specifically to the X-15 research plane as the vehicle that would put a man into space.—United Press.

Soviet Envoy Asks For Return Of Russian Children

Washington, Mar. 19. The Soviet Ambassador, Mikhail Menshikov, has asked the State Department to help four children, kept in the United States by Court order, to rejoin their parents in Russia.

Mr. Menshikov raised the case of Mr. and Mrs. George Kozmin and their children in a conference with the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, yesterday, the Department said today.

American officials permitted Mr. and Mrs. Kozmin to return to Russia last year after declaring them incapable of looking after their four children.

RULING

But a Chicago Court ruled that their children, the youngest of whom was born in the US, could not go with them.

The Soviet Embassy intervened in the Chicago proceedings, but the Court stuck to its ruling.

The Kozmins and three of their children—Richard, 8, George, 6, and Pavel, 10—came to the United States from Germany on September 10, 1950, as Soviet displaced persons. They settled in Chicago and a fourth child, Peter, was born there in August 1956.

The Court ruled against permitting the children to return in the absence of satisfactory assurances as to what living conditions would be provided for them.—United Press.

Boat Sinks

Djakarta, Mar. 19. A fishing boat was reported tonight to have sunk off the north coast of Java. Fifty-eight persons were missing. Reports said that 17 persons were rescued after the vessel sank on Sunday while enroute from Surabaya, East Java, to Bawean Island. The vessel was identified as the "C-7" out of Surabaya.—United Press.

Alicia Gets The CBE



PRIMA Ballerina Alicia Markova holds the insignia of the C.B.E. (Commander of the Order of the British Empire)—as she leaves Buckingham Palace recently after attending the investiture held by the Queen.—Reynolds.

Japan's Jet Pilot Training Comes Under Fire

New York, Mar. 19.

American officers are sharply critical of Japan's jet pilot training programme, Scripps-Howard correspondent Jim G. Lucas reported from Tokyo today.

His dispatch said Japan has more than three times as many US-made jet fighter planes as she has qualified pilots.

"US Air Force officers training the Japanese say Japan has 200 US F-86 Sabre jets, and 70 qualified pilots," Lucas wrote. "She has an additional 440 trainees in the pipeline, but three out of four usually fail the course."

"Of the 70 qualified pilots, 47 have had to be re-assigned to the Training Command as instructors. The remaining 23, with a fighter wing at Chitose, Hokkaido, make up the only combat-ready air force Japan could muster in an emergency."

"The Americans blame the Japanese pilot selection procedures. They said the Japanese use no psychological tests in picking their men, and consequently men break under the strain of training. To correct this, a Japanese medical team is now in the United States to study our testing methods."

"American advisory officers, however, reserve their sharpest criticism for the training programme prevalent in the Japanese Air Force, this takes 30 months. Half of this—or 15 months—is consumed in basic training, during which the prospective pilot does not see a plane."

"Only after he has become an officer does a Japanese learn whether he can also fly. Thus, the heaviest percentage of washout comes after 20 months. The American say this is wasteful."—United Press.

Aide Memoire

Bonn, Mar. 19. Mr. Andrei Smirnov, the Soviet Ambassador, today handed Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, an aide memoire from the Soviet Government, reliable sources said.

The Ambassador's visit to Dr. Adenauer was the second since the Chancellor returned from a holiday in France a fortnight ago.—Reuter.

Cary And Sophia?

Hollywood, Mar. 19. Studio spokesmen and friends of Sophia Loren and Cary Grant today categorically denied reports that the Italian actress wants a divorce to marry the British-born actor.

Miss Loren is married to Carlo Ponti, Italian director. Grant is married to actress Betsy Drake.—Reuter.

"I Don't Give A Blow..."

Lady Astor's Views On The Next British Elections

New York, Mar. 19.

Lady Astor concluded a month's visit to the United States with some sharp comments about British politicians and biographies. Sailing on the Queen Elizabeth today, Lady Astor gave her views of the next British election:

"I don't think it matters too much. But (Anthony) Bevan is not so bad. I wouldn't be afraid to have him. I'd rather have Bevan than (Hugh) Gaitskell. I don't like Liberals who turn Labour. Liberals that turn Labour are no good. They are always more Labour than Labour itself."

Asked about a statement earlier this week by Elliott Macrae, president of the E. P. Dutton publishing house, that he had negotiated an agreement for a biography of Lady Astor, she commented:

"I don't know a thing about it. It's not up to me to do it in any case. It's all right for men like Winston Churchill, who write for posterity, but I don't give a blow about that." When it was suggested that Mr. Macrae might have negotiated with her son in England about the biography, Lady Astor said: "I brought up my son well. They wouldn't soil me without even telling me about it."

Her only comment about the US about which she is frequently more outspoken, was about the recession. She said:

"It makes me feel a little nervous to hear that the U.S. is in a jam. What's going to happen to the rest of the world? But I don't think it's so serious—is it? I think this country will come up again."—United Press.

AMERICAN CHARGED WITH NINE MURDERS

Hamilton, Mar. 19.

A New York-born carpenter charged with nine murders appeared briefly in Sheriff's Court today for a preliminary hearing, thus clearing the way for one of the most sensational trials in Scottish history.

Under Scottish law Peter Manuel, 31, was given the opportunity to make a statement about four of the murders as a prelude to his formal indictment. He made a similar appearance in connection with the other five murders in January.

But Manuel, whose parents brought him to Scotland when he was five years old, had nothing to say.

He was taken back to Berlin, the Gael where he will stay until April 3. On that date he will be brought back to court to plead "Guilty" or "Not Guilty" to the indictment, presently prepared against him.—United Press.

'Don't Fire' Order For Japan's Air Force

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

Japan's only combat air unit has been ordered not to fire on foreign planes if and when they violate Japanese territorial air, the Defense Ministry has confirmed today.

The order was issued to the Second Air Corps of the Air Self-Defense Force stationed in Chitose, Hokkaido, Northern Japan.

Defense Board (Ministry) authorities issued the order after a series of conferences to discuss what action the Chitose-based air unit should take. Defense Board sources said the Second Air Corps was placed under an alert order (standby) on March 1, this year in accordance with provisions of the Japanese self-defence force law.—Reuter.

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I talk to Shawcross and wonder—

SIR HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, who now quits politics, is one of the most fascinating human enigmas of our times. Shawcross is a man who has had the most bewildering success of his generation, first at the Bar, then in politics.

His career in the first would have carried him effortlessly to become Lord Chancellor. His career in the second might well have ended him up as Prime Minister. Power, and fame, and wealth, which are what most people sweat and suffer for, even for unselfish reasons, were his.

Now, after discarding the first career a year ago, he has thrown up the second and resigns his parliamentary seat.

And why? Not in some fit of temper. Not because he has made some gross mistake which could block his progress. He is fit. He is only 50. He has a young wife who not only does not dissuade him from his political career, but who has urged him, even passionately, not to give it up.

To replace what he has shed, he is turning his still exceptional energies to his job as legal adviser to an oil firm, Shell, which came him, for example, just about a quarter of what he used to earn as a practising lawyer.

It is all a little incredible, is it not? I shall try to make Shawcross the man, whom I know, credible to you, and then it will be possible to understand.

FIRST, he is a man of very rare brilliance. It has been his devil.

The child which was born into the Wandsworth home of the Shawcrosses on a February day in 1907, ascribed his teacher by his capacity to learn and his soundness of judgment.

When he decided as a boy to become a doctor—and in particular, a surgeon—they knew that the medical profession had won a remarkable recruit.

Brilliance

BUT then the devil brilliance intervened. As a student at Dart's, he happened to be on holiday in Geneva when a European Socialist Congress opened there.

"I was always rather interested in politics," he has told me, "and so I offered my services as an interpreter, even though my French was awful."

"It was then I met Jimmy Thomas." J. H. Thomas was immediately impressed by the talent he saw in the young man—the sharpness of mind, the

sureness of nerve, and the ability to express himself.

"He told me it wasn't any good me becoming a doctor if I ever wanted to do anything in politics. He said the Bar was much better. So I changed there and then. I don't think I thought twice."

Forgotten

AND 10 years later, as a young Liverpool lawyer of 33, Hartley Shawcross was already a household name as the brilliant defence counsel in the Ruxton murder case.

administration which he had never known he had.

"I think that was why I really went into politics."

Grateful

WHEN he offered his services to the Socialist Party they were so grateful to have him they made him first, Attorney-General, and then President of the Board of Trade.

By 1950, this handsome, still youthful comely of a man was being backed by a strong group on the Right for leadership of the party....

—what makes a man feel too adult for politics?

It was the prolonged illness and the death of his first wife. But more likely it is the result of a mind which is a little too perceptively which can always see the other side of every question, and even the other side of the question of life, which is death.

A waste

BETWEEN these three straining and undeniably virulent components of make-up—brilliance, humanity, and cynicism—Sir Hartley Shawcross has built his remarkable life.

Together they are the explanation of the moves and views which have left so many of his rivaling Socialists paid bewildered and angry. They are the essential clue to the new Shawcross.

"I'm very unpopular in the party at the moment," he says. "You see, I've been a cross-bencher for some time. I cannot regard a political policy as a brief, and argue only one side."

"I was never happy in Opposition. Getting up and criticising the other fellow because he's in and you are not seems to me a waste of time. Especially as you know in your heart that you would be doing more or less the same thing if you were in his place."

"One can feel too grown up for all that." I looked him in the eyes, which were a little puffy from long reading. "It is not because you are tired?" I asked.

Sir Hartley swore it was untrue.

Tom Stacey

much aware that there was a lot of social injustice. He had taken up the law, he had turned aside from politics, his humanity emerged in a different form. He knew his young first wife was going to die. I believe that it was essentially for her that he worked so hard at his career. For all the vast amount of money he was beginning to make then was spent on her.

'Madness'

BUT there is a THIRD and most unexpected clue to Hartley Shawcross. Perhaps it is as significant as it is hidden. It is a profound cynicism.

I have asked him what he sees as the object of life. He said—this brilliant, human, successful man, who has a lovely young wife and three adored children—that he thought that at the end of it all, he would sign of the English doctor in the film, "The Bridge on the River Kwai."

At that time, I had not seen the movie. So I asked him, "What was his conclusion?" But he smiled, and would say no more.

When I saw the film I awaited intrigued for the doctor's summing up on life. The words were, "Madness.... madness."

I do not know what is the source of this cynicism. Perhaps

THE WASHINGTON FREEZE-UP THROWS A CHALLENGE TO BRITISH LEADERSHIP

Let Macmillan take over from Dulles

THIS must be a very pleasant moment indeed for Mr. Krushchev as he surveys the international scene. Everything is going his way.

As the barrage of inter-continental missiles thickens, confusion grows in the West. America is without leadership, apparently without constructive policy, and almost without hope.

Mr. Dulles appears even more obstinately obstructive than ever before, and President Eisenhower seems to have lost any grasp of the situation he ever had. The neutralist and uncommitted nations of the world, aware that a thermo-nuclear war might well destroy them too, are looking to the Great Powers for signs of sense. What the Russians are saying looks like sense at first sight: what Dulles and Eisenhower say doesn't.

No wonder, then, if Krushchev feels more confident now than ever before.

Left-wing hysteria

HOW can the smile be taken off his face? Certainly not by succumbing to the Left-wing hysteria which is now piling up in Britain in a way that awakes disturbing echoes of the Peace Ballot follies of the 1930's.

It does not need the usual gaggle of senile philosophers, Left-wing authors, and publicly-seeking persons that any emotional cause seems to rally to the Albert Hall and the correspondence columns of The Times to tell us that H-bombs are dangerous and that peace is a good thing.

We might even manage to grasp, without their panic-stricken screams, that in a war between Russia and America, Britain would be somewhat awkwardly situated.

It is our task to prevent that war from starting. The mere arrival of a lot of argumentative statesmen at a summit conference will not, of itself, achieve this.

Nor will a lasting settlement be reached unless each side is prepared to make genuine concessions.

This means that if we want the Russians to give up something, the West must, give up something too. Our pacifists, however, want us to make all our concessions before the talks begin.

Foolish

BEFORE anyone gives emotional support to their cries of "Ban the Bomb!" and "Stop Nuclear Tests Now!" he might ask himself three questions—

Why have the Communists been so active in this campaign?

Has unilateral disarmament had any effect at all on our potential enemies when we have tried it before?

Is there any reason why Russia should voluntarily make concessions when her objectives have been gained without them?

And do not believe the foolish suggestion that Russia would be "compelled" to follow our lead in order to avoid losing moral prestige in neutral countries. Russia confidently expects the neutral nations to be driven into

her orbit, anyway, by an economic slump in the capitalist world; she will make no moral gestures except on paper.

Instead of listening to those who wish us to commit suicide, let us soberly assess our strength and consider how to use it.

But to condemn the pacifists is not to support the present intransigence of Mr. Dulles. He has become the ice-box of the body politic. No leadership can be expected from him.

In his last Press conference, Dulles appeared to be refusing negotiations on any subject where agreement seemed to him improbable, and at the same time asserting that there was no prospect of agreement on any subject at all.

This means, presumably, that Dulles has decided not to make any concessions. If this is not what he meant, he should stop giving Press conferences; if it is, he should stop being Secretary of State.

From whom, when, can leadership come? Mr. Harold Macmillan is the only man. There is no other.

The Prime Minister's stature and self-confidence have been greatly increased by his Commonwealth tour.

He has shown, by his decision to allow Mr. Sandys to accept an invitation to Moscow, that he is prepared to talk with the Russians.

Dangerous

MACMILLAN is in a position to exert pressure to make Mr. Dulles agree to talk too. It is time to exert that pressure.

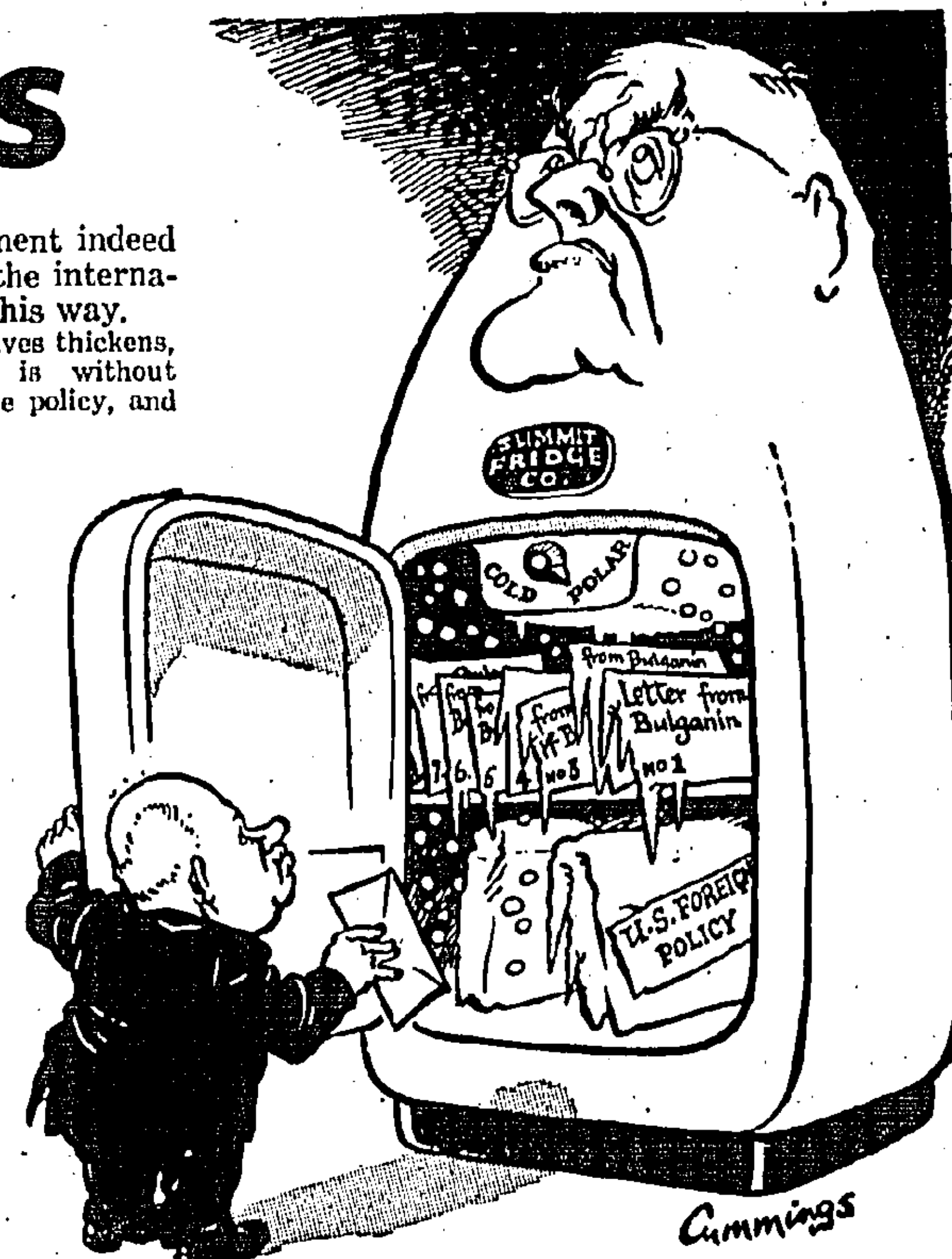
And if and when summit talks do materialise, it could be Mr. Macmillan who will guide these talks to at least a partial success.

He is not committed to Dulles's dangerous dreams of freeing Russia's European satellites and confronting the Russians head-on in the Middle East—both of them rapid routes to world war.

He can afford to go to the summit without exaggerated hopes of solving every problem at once, without rigid plans for huge package deals involving the whole of Europe.

He can go simply with a determination to push both the Americans and the Russians into making limited concessions.

There is no reason why British interests should suffer in this process: indeed, they could well be forwarded.



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by ANGUS MAUDE

M.P.

And once it has been demonstrated that agreement can be reached, even on a limited number of minor issues, subsequent agreement on greater matters will be made easier.

Unless the log-jam is broken, nothing can move at all. There will be no disarmament and no release from fear.

If Dulles will not move, Mr. Macmillan should act on his own initiative to make a start with negotiations of a limited nature.

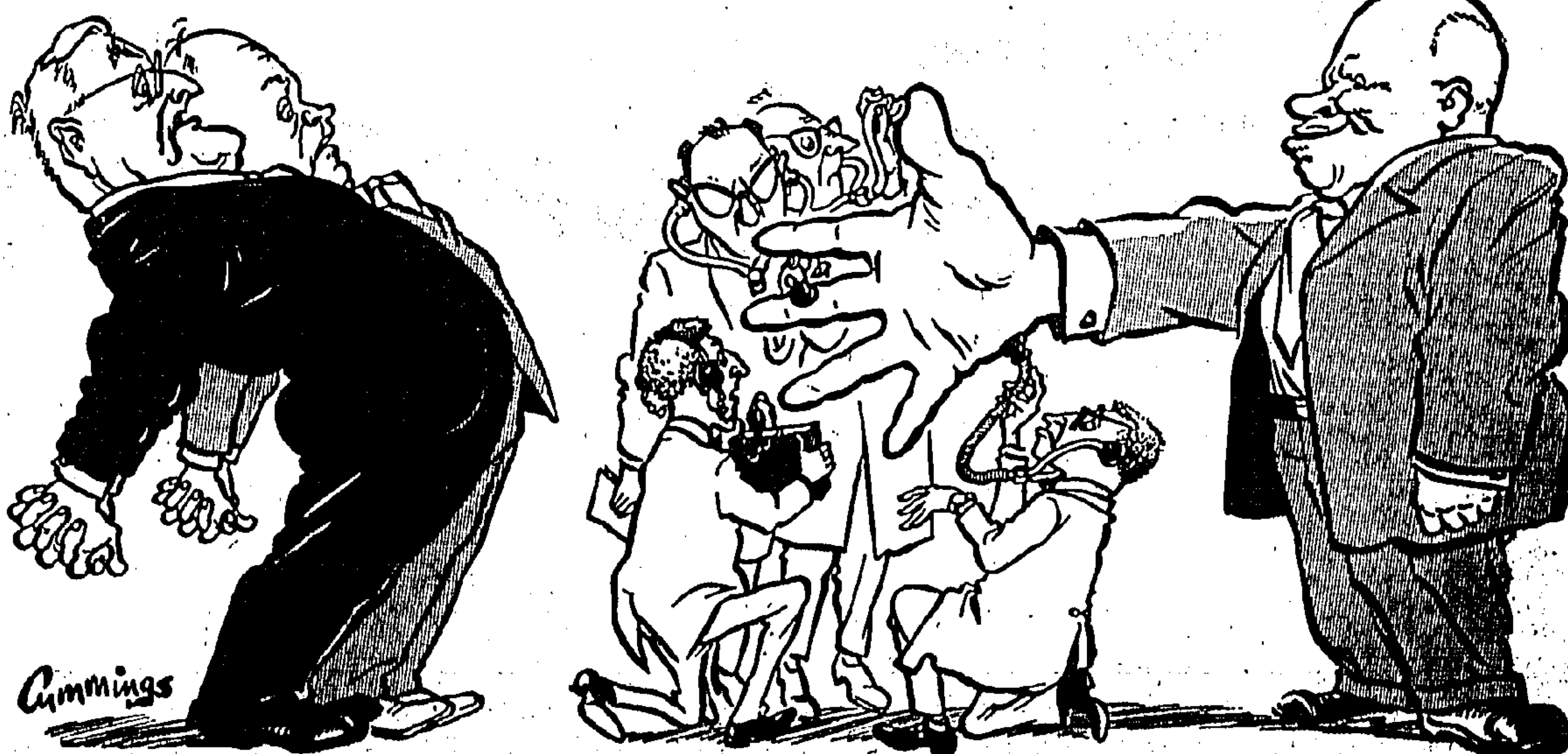
But he cannot do this with any hope of success if the Russians believe he is being pushed from behind by a frightened people.

Every fresh outburst of hysterical yapping by British pacifists, every anti-H-bomb rally, makes his task harder.

Contempt

If the people of Britain want peace; if they want to strengthen the forces of sanity in the world; if they want Britain to become once more a great mediating force with immense influence for good, they will keep their heads and give the Prime Minister firm and calm support.

They can do this best by showing their distrust and contempt for the fools whose antics do nothing but make Krushchev more arrogant and Dulles more obstinate.



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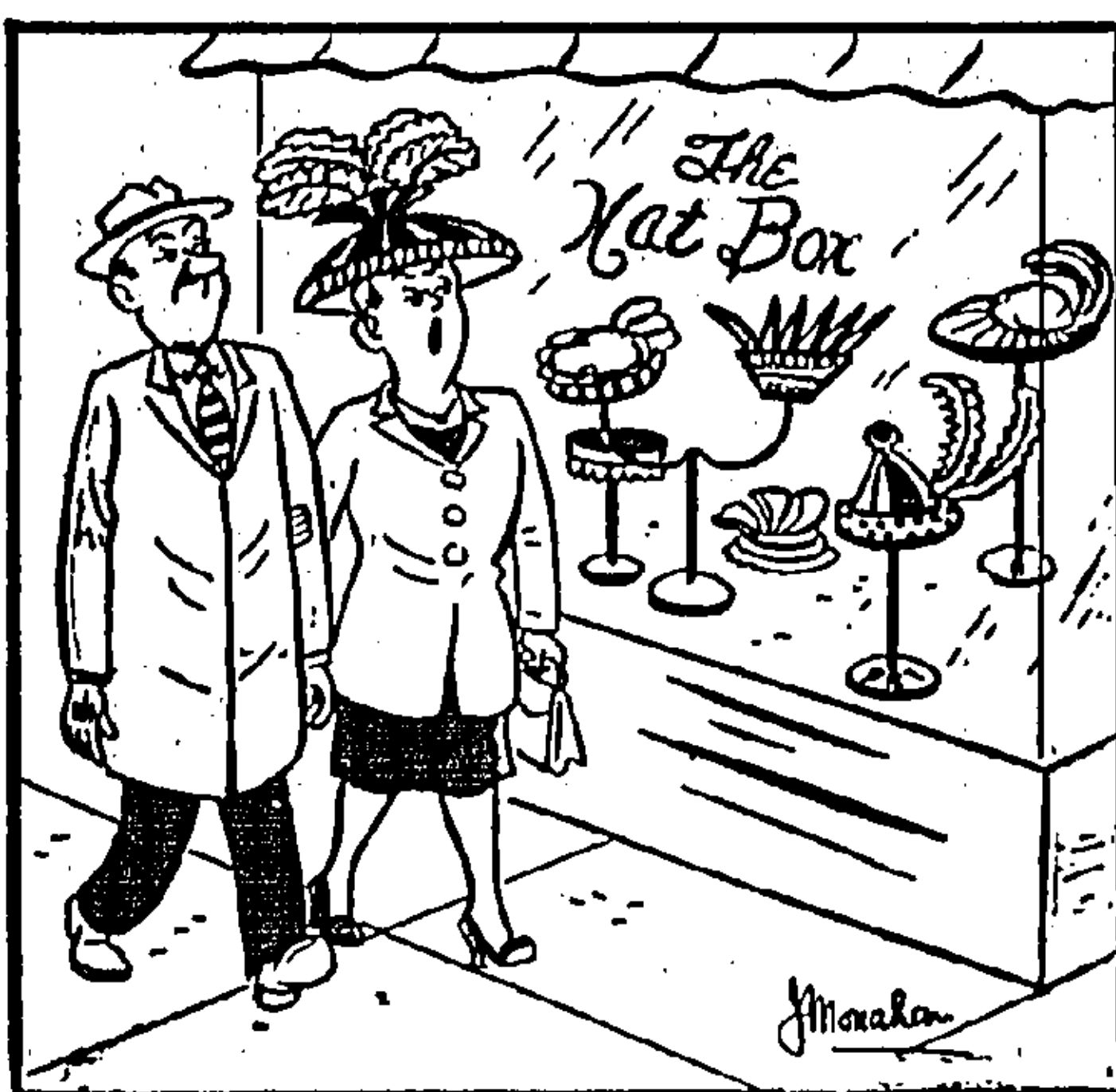
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YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

BORN today, you are a natural executive. You are not as happy in the business world as some, but you should do well in administrative education or heading educational programmes. Some will do well as advertising heads or public relations counsel. In other words, wherever you have to deal with ideas and people—introducing one to the other—you will find success. Although you may appear aloof—even shy at first meeting, there is a quiet strength in your demeanour which gives people faith in what you say and do.

You are original in your approach to problems and do not care for advice or intervention. In fact, one of your handicaps as an executive is your closed mind. You know what you want and don't enjoy having others tell you what should be done. Should anyone make the mistake of thinking that you lack in positiveness just because you sit back and listen to all sides of a question before making your own mind, then that

person has made a serious error in judgment. You have been blessed with an exceptional memory, and this is of great use to you all during your life. You are able to clearly inform, but it is a pity that you are not a better listener. This, of course, would be helpful in any kind of family or work case. Do not get so busy with your career or your profession that you neglect romance. You are naturally affectionate and will be most content when happily wed.

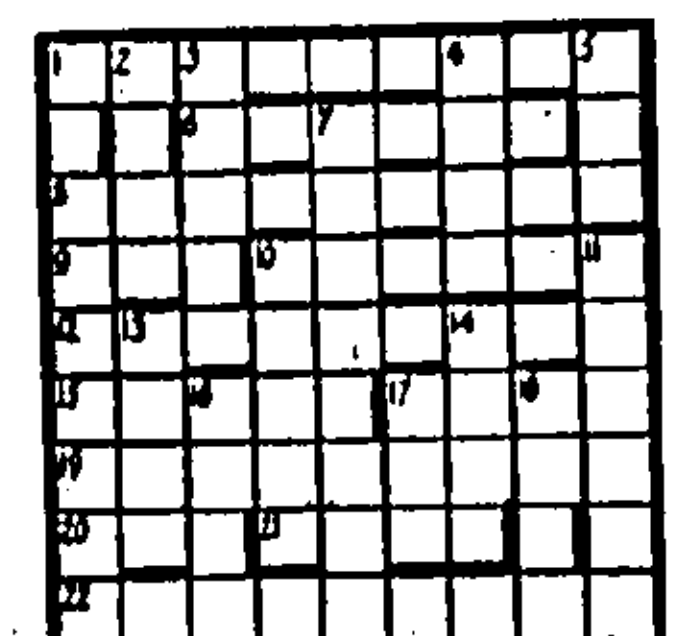
Among those born on this date were: Neal Dow, reformer; William John Locke, and W. L. George, author; James Schuyler, historian; Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer; pianist, and Charles W. Eliot, educator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A fine day for your personal affairs. Good fortune attends your every move. It would seem, benefit now. **Taurus** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Get a fresh outlook on life and then make a new start on something you are eager to accomplish. **Gemini** (May 22-June 21)—Activate your plans today. Your ambitions can be achieved, if you put forth the proper effort. **Cancer** (June 22-July 23)—A turn in the tide for you. Things are beginning to show a real improvement. Take advantage of the upturn. **Leo** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Perhaps you can get a long weekend in the country. It would relax tensions and give a "breather." **Virgo** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—The social aspects of this day are good. Take advantage of them to consolidate your recent gains.

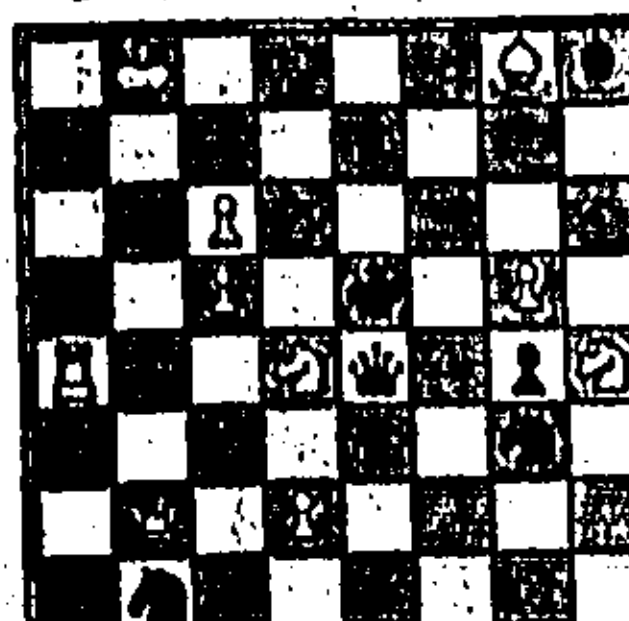
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By LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by J. O. Thain (Sunday Referee, 1920). White mates in two.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Grand Slam Is Hard To Reach

By OSWALD JACOBY

"HOW should we have reached the grand slam," writes a St. Petersburg reader. "Since I was void of diamonds I merely responded one heart. Then when my partner went to two clubs I jumped directly to six. Should he have gone on to seven?"

The answer to our reader's question is that it is very difficult to bid a grand slam scientifically with freak hands but I think that North might have done a trifle better. After South's two club bid North might have temporised by bidding two spades. South would have gone to three clubs and then North might have taken the bull by the horns and leaped to seven clubs.

He could reason that his partner had shown at least 10 cards (quite possibly 11) in the minor

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Opening lead—♠ Q

Incidentally while my reader did not comment on the play of the hand it does require a little care to bring the grand slam home.

The opening spade lead must be won in dummy and the other losing spade eventually discarded on the ace of hearts. Now the ace and king of clubs are cashed in order after which South can start on the diamond suit which he will eventually be able to establish by ruffing three small in dummy.

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WOMANSENSE

ORGANISATION FOR MILADY'S HANDBAG

WHAT'S NEW IN HATS...



AN OUTSIDE POCKET with a chained purse makes this California saddle leather handbag useful. Small change is always easy to find.

By JEANNE D'ARCY

SHE gets on the bus and all traffic's held up in all directions while she searches for change.

She's an average woman with a handbag that bulges with assorted stuff, most of it not vital.

Collects Like A Squirrel

Like a squirrel, she collects items—store receipts, memos, bills, the day's mail, last week's letters from home and enough cosmetics to make up four show girls.

Everything goes with her in a handbag that would weigh down a strong man.

If you fall into this category, we suggest a little judicious weeding. Up-end that hand-

bag, turn everything out on the table and eliminate!

One lipstick's enough. Collect all those memos on odd-size bits of paper and jot them down on a purse-size memo pad. Leave Aunt Lucy's letter at home.

Why must it travel with you? Keep store receipts in your at-home desk. Just carry the bare essentials.

Don't spill a new handbag by bulging it out of shape.

Wax Before Using

Here's another tip, too. Before using that new leather bag, give it an invisible raincoat, a hard film of wax that will protect its finish from water blisters, scuffing and soiling.

To clean leather that's soiled, use saddle soap and then wax the bag.

Try a RUM TUM TIDDY

By HELEN BURKE

THIS dish with the funny name is about the quickest snack you will ever make, and very nourishing. It is a super Welsh rabbit. It comes from America where condensed soups are the rule rather than the exception.

THE RECIPE

1 small can (10½oz.) condensed tomato soup.
½lb. grated Cheddar cheese.
¼ teaspoon dry mustard.
1 slightly beaten egg.
4 to 5 slices buttered toast.

Heat the soup in a double boiler or a bowl standing in hot water. Add the grated cheese and stir until the mixture is heated through and smooth.

Heat together the mustard and egg and stir them into the mixture. Heat through but do not boil. Spread on the hot buttered toast and serve at once.

Any leftover goes well with noodles or macaroni, boiled without salt, or for a special dish, cut two to three rashers of bacon into strips and fry them with a

sliced small onion and a crushed clove of garlic, if you like it (as I do). Add the tomato-cheese sauce, then stir in the milk or cream, then stir in the cooked noodles or macaroni. Finish with freshly milled pepper.

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Should A Woman Look Her Age At 37?

"YES" says Simone Signoret (who IS 37)

By THOMAS WISEMAN

"EVEN the French," said Miss Simone Signoret, explaining the success of her compatriot Miss Brigitte Bardot, "like to dream."

But when they wake up, which they do from time to time, they have a keen appreciation of the real things of life, of which Miss Signoret is one.

Miss Bardot is a flashy fantasy, a symphony of limbs, the innuendo between the lines, the motive behind the smirk—and I will persist in thinking that she does not really exist. Miss Signoret does; she is real, solid to the touch.

To a Bardot, life is a mirror in which she can see endless images of herself, and very little else. Miss Signoret by contrast is a mirror in which life can be observed. That is to say she is an actress, in the legitimate sense of the word.

She came to London to collect an award from the British Film Academy, as the best foreign actress of the year. Also here to discuss her appearance in the film of John Braine's Room at the Top.

I asked Miss Signoret how she had developed in the 11 years since she last made a film in England.

She said: "A human being is made up of all the meetings he has had, good and bad. It has been surrounded by intelligent and brilliant people and something of them may have rubbed off on me."

Among her close friends today are men like Picasso and Jean Paul Sartre and they do not value her company merely for its decorative quality.

It is well known that Miss Signoret takes a keen interest in the world around her and its problems. She has strong views on the subject of the H-bomb and the plight of people who do not earn the kind of salaries that film stars can.

Before joining me for lunch on Wednesday, Miss Signoret Addams, being a cautious girl, looked up her horoscope. What she read was somewhat disturbing.

Under her star, Virgo, was the unequivocal message: "The morning gives you fair conditions. After that keep your mouth shut and don't expect any favours."

But throwing caution and her horoscope to the winds, Miss Addams ignored the warning of the stars. She did not keep her mouth shut.

My own horoscope, which I had not consulted in advance, said: "Don't take too big risks. In view of this advice, I feel that I should say no more about our encounter except that Miss Addams is a delightful girl, the nicest Princess I know; and that we must arrange to meet again some time when our stars are less forbidding."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Just A Sawdust Head

—Mary Jane Is Smarter Than She Thinks—

By MAX TRELL

KNARE, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, with the help of Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Indian, went around the house getting everyone together.

"It's riddle time," they said. "What time did you say it was, my boy?" said General Tin, the Tin Soldier, to Teddy.

"Did you say riddle time?" I don't care much for riddle games, if that's what you mean."

"Not riddle—riddle!" said Teddy.

Mr Punch woke up with a start.

"What's that? What's that? Riddle time? I can't play the game."

Hiawatha repeated the word to Mr Punch who finally nodded and smiled and said he'd be glad to answer any riddle that was asked.

"I mean, I'll try," he said. "If the riddles are too hard, I won't be able to answer them at all."

Meanwhile, Knare was asking Mary Jane, the Rag Doll, to come to the middle of the room and get ready to play at guessing riddles.

Rupert and the Lost List—38

By MAX TRELL

"Oh dear," Mary Jane kept saying to everyone around her. "I know I won't be able to guess any of them. I'm sure I won't be able to guess any of them."

This is the first riddle that Hand read:

"Sally is in the rain, Sally is in the shower, Sally is in the brook, Sally is on the flower, Sally is in a cup of tea—Who can little Sally be?"

Hardly had Hand finished reading this riddle when complete silence fell over the room.

"Oh dear," Mary Jane, could be heard whispering to General Tin who stood beside her, "I think the answer is water, but that can't be right. My head is filled with sawdust and nothing I say is right."

"It is right! It is right!" everyone shouted. "Water is the right answer."

This is Hand's second riddle: "Little Jimmy's climbing high, There goes Jimmy in the sky, Out of that chimney, there goes Jim!"

What in the world is the matter with him?"

And for the second time, complete silence fell over the room until, very softly, everyone heard Mary Jane whispering:

"I know the answer can't be smoke, but that's what's spinning around in my sawdust head."

"It's right! It's right!" shouted everybody.

No one could have been more surprised and more pleased than little Mary Jane. She never thought she could guess two riddles with a sawdust head.



This is one of the new slightly squarer, high crowned clothes of Peterborough. Its name is Cat-on-a-hat.



A tiny pill-box to white organza with spider's web veiling completely covered with rose petals is called Confetti Rose.



Wide and black is this outdoor sailor hat in straw. Its name? Flying Saucer.



A froth of coffee-coloured veiling gives Aurora an exotic look.

London Express Service



Stirling Moss Sets A New Course Record In An Aston-Martin

Sebring, Mar. 19. Stirling Moss of England, driving an Aston-Martin, set a new course record here today as he warmed up for the eighth annual Florida International Grand Prix of endurance on Saturday.

Moss rounded the 5.2-mile twisting course at 99.994 miles per hour. It sliced by one full second the old record, set by Jean Behra of France on race day last year. Moss' time was 3:23.6.

Moss is driving one of two cars entered by the Aston-Martin team in this year's 12-hour race. His co-driver is Tony Brooks of Dulwich, Kent. His sleek Aston-Martin DBR1 bettered the old mark set by Behra.

Trials over the crooked and tricky course began this afternoon as drivers of almost all the 65 cars entered from

Europe, Latin and North America began to "get the feel" of the track.

Only Mishap

The only mishap today occurred when an Aston-Martin coupe, entered in the grand touring class and not a part of the factory team, smashed in its nose as it ploughed into a course marker on an "S" turn. The car, driven by George Constantine of Southbridge, Massachusetts, and John Dalton of Red, California, is expected to be repaired by race time.

Meanwhile, race officials still did not know if the World Champion, Juan Fangio, would drive a Ferrari owned by Chester Flynn of New York City.

Fangio was reported still negotiating over expense money to Sebring from his home in Buenos Aires.

Ferrari's factory team, composed of such stars as Peter Collins and Mike Hawthorne of England, Luigi Musso of Italy and Count Wolfgang von Tripp of Germany, were also on hand to turn their reflexes to the level but winding course, famous for wear and tear on brakes. United Press.

World Cup Referees

Stockholm, Mar. 18. Altogether 30 referees from 22 nations have been picked to referee in the World Cup Soccer championship in Sweden next June. It was disclosed today.

The referees chosen by the International Football Federation include Sweden's Sten Ahlener, Goesta Ackeborn, Bengt Andren, Goesta Lindberg, Bertil Loeowe and Bengt Lundell.

Others are the Soviet Union's Nikolai Latshev, Hungary's Istvan Zsolt and Britain's S. E. Ellis and R. Leafe. —France-Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

TENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 22nd March 1958

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 8 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Agular Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st March, 1958, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 10th May, 1958, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at:—

Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Agular Street on Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, 15th March 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Saturday, 22nd March 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

332, Nathan Road, Kowloon
Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, 15th March 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.
Saturday, 22nd March 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS and TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eddie Choong Extended By Bo Nilsson

London, Mar. 19.

Eddie Choong, Malayan holder and four times winner, coasted into the last 16 of the men's singles when the All-England Badminton Championships opened at Wembley today. He made short work of South African Colin Bartlett in the second round after a first round bye. The small, lithe Malayan won 15-6, 15-8, in less than 15 minutes.

The most thrilling match of the day was Eddie Choong's third round match against Bo Nilsson, Sweden's third ranked player, who is making his first visit to England.

Choong's determined display in overcoming such a strong fighter was an indication that his chances of retaining the title must be high. He showed all the qualities which stamp him as one of the all-time greats of the game.

Trailing 5-10 in the first game, Nilsson took the next six points, including three with fierce smashes, to lead 11-10. Choong was fully extended before taking the game at 15-11. The next game was even more dramatic. Nilsson, by delightful control, pulled up from 9-13 to 13-11. Choong was worried and put all he knew into his game. A fierce and thrilling rally which lasted many minutes resulted in Choong winning the game and match at 15-17.

Didn't Impress

Erland Kops, the Dane whom Choong beat in the final last year and Malayan's probable opponent in the fourth round this time, looked far from impressive in winning his second round match against George Henderson of Ireland. Kops won 15-2, 15-0, but made several errors and will have to tighten up his game to have any hope of checking Choong.

Oon Chong-jin and Oon Chong-taik, the seeded Malaysians, both had first round byes. Both won comfortably and were far too experienced for their English opponents.

Oon Chong-jin beat W. C. E. Rogers 15-4, 15-0, and Oon Chong-taik defeated English international P. J. Waddell 15-2, 15-0. Waddell had a particularly curiously rough passage against a fast and fit opponent. His defeat was a clear indication of the wide gap in badminton standards between the two countries.

There was an upset in the first round of the Women's Singles when Miss P. P. Pattapongse, of Thailand, beat Mrs W. C. E. Rogers of England, 6-11, 11-5, 11-7.

The clash between Oon Chong-taik and B. K. Wong will be their fourth in tournaments this season. They have always seemed to have to play each other. Oon told Reuter: "The meeting should not worry him, however, as he won their three previous matches. My wins have been very close," said Oon Wong, a worthy opponent. He takes a lot of beating."

Convincing

Oon Chong-jin will meet Englishman R. Mulvaney for a quarter-final place. Finn Kobber, of Denmark, whom Choong is seeded to meet in the final, reached the quarter-finals in convincing style, and remains the Malayan's biggest threat. No seeded men have yet been eliminated, but there is a different story in the women's event.

First defeat of a Malayan came in the second round of the Men's Singles when S. Waddell lost to English international E. J. Timperley 4-15, 11-15.

Unseeded P. Farmer, little known in English badminton, gave Timperley, one of England's most experienced players, a harder game than was expected. After losing the first game by a clear margin, Farmer went down fighting in the second, the result being in doubt until the end.

David Choong, Eddie's brother, proved an unexpectedly easy second round victim for seeded

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 11th (Easter) Race Meeting 1957/58 to be held on Saturday 5th and Monday 7th April, 1958, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 25th March, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Taiwanese Win 25-6 Against A Weakened Services XV

By "PAK LO"

As was but to be expected the Chinese Touring XV from Taiwan, facing a weakened Services XV in their third and final match yesterday evening, hammered them by 25 points (2 goals, 2 tries, 3 penalty goals) to 6 points (1 try, 1 penalty goal).

In the Pentangular game RAF beat the Club by 9 points (3 tries) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) in a scrappy battle, in a game which was noticeable for its late start.

The Taiwanese once again completely dominated the loose with their fine fast interpassing moves, to which a weak Service defence could find no answer.

Without any Colony players in their XV the Services were but a shadow of what they should have been and only Freeman and Hunter, the two Navy halves, were at all outstanding. Hunter especially had another very good game, but his poor passing threw away his attacks.

In the Chinese side with the pack going down 3-4-0 for a change, the Chinese boys took 60 per cent of the scrums and their dangerous three did the rest. Outstanding in a grand XV was Chang Ko-hui whose fast bursts through the centre baffled the Service defence. Wang Jen-leung also shone, and time and again he drew the defence before sending the ball out.

Clear Run

In fact at one point he drew every member of the back division and Chang Ko-hui had an easy clear run to score.

Once again the high jumping Taiwanese upset the heavier English pack in the lineouts and with plentiful supply of the ball it would have been impossible for this very keen XV not to score steadily.

The Services managed to stay the fast pace for about 15 minutes of the first half and then they seemed to lose heart and the Taiwanese ran rings around them. Liu Chen-chao opened the scoring in the third minute of the game when the Services were penalised in a scrum in front of their own posts for "feet up," and from 25 yards out Liu Chen-chao's kick sailed smack between the posts.

The Services pressed back to the Taiwan 25 where there was a scrum. The Services heeled and Hunter broke through the centre and went away to send Terrins over well out, just as the latter was tackled. No conversion. 3-3.

The Taiwanese full back, who played very nicely throughout, then showed his ability to touch kick, and with a terrific 50 yards punt sent play to the Services 25 where there was a lineout.

The Taiwanese won and the ball moved smoothly and rapidly across the back line to Chen Hung who broke through and sent Chang Ko-hui over well out. No conversion. 6-3.

Halfway through the first half Taiwan went further ahead when Liu Chen-chao converted a penalty awarded to the Taiwanese for obstruction. 9-3.

Never Settled

The Services three were at this stage getting little of the ball, and never settled down. In the first minute of the second half the Taiwanese kicked ahead and the Services backs one after another fumbled the ball, a fatal mistake with these fast Chinese boys, and a forward rush by the Taiwanese swept the ball on towards the Services' line. Chen Min-tai, in possession of the ball and went over half way out. Liu Chen-chao converted. 14-6.

In the sixth minute Squires converted a penalty for offside

from 30 yards out to make it 14-6. It was obvious from here on that the Services had shot their bolt, and less than a minute later the ball came from a loose maul to Wang Jen-leung who drew the defence and sent Chang Ko-hui racing for the line. No conversion. 17-6.

The next score came when after a strong Taiwanese attack the Services got possession and tried to clear upfield. It was a poor kick and Chang Ko-hui collected it and shot through the astonished defence to score under the posts. Liu Chen-chao converted. 22-6.

Finally, Cheng Tun-jen converted another penalty from about 25 yards out to make the score 25-6.

This then is the end of the Taiwan tour, and from the Chinese point of view it has been very successful, for in two of their games they were easy winners, and in the other the Club just managed to scrape through to victory in the final minute.

But while satisfactory from a scoring point of view it is very disappointing that they were not allowed to play the Colony or at the worst the Full Army XV.

Instead, after their first game in the United States, they made a makeshift XV, who never had a hope of beating them. Let us hope that this does not discourage the Chinese from coming here again, and next time, now that we know of their ability to play, let them play the Colony. This game may well become in the future the new "interpol" of the HK rugby season, for the distance to travel is short and the Chinese play the game well.

In conclusion let me wish these Chinese lads on behalf of all rugby fans success in the future and a quick return to these shores.

Club v RAF

In comparison this was a disappointing game for the forwards, especially in the second half, kept the ball to themselves and neither set of three really shone. The Airman had a slight advantage in the scrums and lineouts, and it was this which gave them victory over this weak Club XV.

The Club three who they got going looked the more likely to score with MacTavish, who shined throughout, but the Club backs' passing was poor and knock-ons were the order of the day. Hearn showed some improvement at full back, but he did not have to face the strong forward attacks of the Taiwanese.

For the RAF McNamara was outstanding, and he kept his forwards going from behind and gave the ball out to his three when they had the best chance to score.

The RAF pack also was heeling and wheeling with the ball which seemed to upset the Club, and Steward had a lot of trouble getting the greasy ball away, and was often caught in possession.

Coomes, Gascoigne, and Southwick each scored, for the Airman with no conversions, while Elliott and Dalglough converted a penalty for offside

replied for the Club with MacTavish converting Elliott's try.

Had the Club had their full team out they would have won easily, but with their stars being kept out for the Colony XV they looked more like their "B" XV than the senior team.

World-Wide Amateur Golf Championship In October

London, Mar. 19. A world-wide Amateur Golf Team Championship will be held at St Andrews in October this year.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club have agreed with the United States Golf Association to sponsor the event which will be held every two years.

The sponsoring authorities are inviting amateur associations in 42 countries to send a representative to a conference on May 2 and 3 at the Chevy Chase Club, Maryland (United States) when it is proposed to form an international committee to direct the championship.

Suggested form of the championship is a 72-hole stroke-play event between teams of four with the aggregate of the three lowest scores counting as the team score.

A trophy to be awarded will be inscribed: "World Amateur Golf Team Championship Trophy. To further friendship among the peoples of the world."

The 1960 event will be held in the United States. It is proposed that the championship shall be held in rotation in a country from one of three zones: European-African zone (comprising Europe, Africa and the Middle East); American zone (North America, South America and the Caribbean); Australian zone (Asia, Australia, New Zealand).

It is suggested that each national authority may defray their own team expenses.

A similar World Team Championship—the Canada Cup—is combined with an Individual Championship in professional golf.

Olympic Programme?

New York, Mar. 19. The new world-wide Amateur Team Golf Championships announced today by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (Fife, Scotland) may provide the answer to the demand for golf to be added to the Olympic programme.

This is the opinion of Mr. Joey Dwyer, Secretary of the United States Golf Association, who arrived here today after a conference with officials at St Andrews.

Mr. Dwyer said: "Since the war we have been receiving feelers from other countries for matches. There have always been efforts to add golf to the Olympic programme. We feel this tournament is the answer."

—China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS



Earl Haig Fund Annual Boxing Tournament

Each year, as part of its drive for funds in aid of the Earl Haig Fund, the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Legion organises a Boxing Tournament, held under the auspices of the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association. In view of last year's success, when over \$4,000 was raised, the Tournament will again be held in Kowloon at the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium, Macpherson Playground, on Friday, April 11, from 8 p.m.

The card is being arranged by the HKABA and details of the contestants will be published in due course. The public will not only have the opportunity of enjoying an excellent evening's boxing, but will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are financially contributing to a very worthy charity. It is hoped this popular event will be as well supported as it was last year.

All tickets, both reserved and unreserved, are at popular prices and can be obtained at the following places:—

Hongkong: Moutrie & Co. (HK) Ltd., Chater Road; China Fleet Club, Gloucester Road; Staff Recreation Officer, HMS Tamar, Queen's Road East.

Kowloon: European YMCA, Salisbury Road; Macpherson Playground, Yim Po Fong Street; Moutrie & Co. (HK) Ltd., 238, Nathan Road.

NO FIGHT

Johannesburg, Mar. 19. A scheduled boxing match between British Empire Flyweight Champion Dennis Champion and Spanish National Champion, Jose Ogazon was cancelled at the last minute today. Bidding for the bout had been negligible. There were angry scenes, however, when many people turned up to watch the fight at the city hall here tonight, only to find the bout cancelled. —France-Press.

SPAIN BEATEN

Frankfurt, Mar. 19. West Germany beat Spain 2-0 in a soccer international here today, having led 1-0 at half time. —Reuter.

WEST INDIES WIN TEST SERIES Pakistan Beaten By Eight Wickets

Georgetown, Mar. 20.

The courageous Pakistanis bowed to defeat this afternoon as the West Indies won their third outright victory to win the present Pakistan-West Indies five-Test series. The tourists lost the match after the West Indies batsmen today scored 317 runs for two wickets. The home side won out by an eight-wicket margin.

The first Test of the series, played at Barbados, was drawn. Subsequently the tourists lost the second and third Test, played respectively in Trinidad and Jamaica. Pakistan's fourth Test defeat was due mainly to injuries to bowlers and to the failure of the touring team's best batsmen.

Some Pakistani batsmen, in particular Hanif Mohammad, appeared to be afraid to face fast bowler Roy Gilchrist with his frequent "bouncers".

With 100 minutes playing time remaining yesterday after Pakistan's second innings was completed, the West Indies batsmen, Hunt and Kanhai, put on 99 runs on a perfect wicket.

Before lunch today, the home team had lost Kanhai for 62 with the score at 125. The Hunt-Sobers partnership next yielded 135 runs before Hunt was out for 114.

The Weekes-Sobers partnership yielded the necessary 75 runs for victory.

Team Spirit

West Indies skipper Jerry Alexander said after the match that his side's victory was mainly due to the excellent team spirit among the members of his eleven.

Pakistan skipper Kardar said the West Indies had a very strong team and really deserved their victory.

The Pakistan team is leaving tomorrow for Barbice, 75 miles away, to play a two-day match against a British Guiana All-Indian team. The final West Indies-Pakistan fifth Test match will be played in Trinidad. When play resumed this morning the home team had 99 runs on the board without loss.

Conrad Hunt took the score to 100 when he scored a single off Nasimul Gham.

Pakistan resumed the attack today without bowler Pinal Mahmud, who retired yesterday after bowling only a few overs. While batting previously Faisal had been hit on the right knee by both Gilchrist and Tom Dewdney and he was limping when he opened the attack against the Windies yesterday.

Steady Bowling

Steady bowling this morning by Nasimul and Hasib forced the West Indies opening batsmen, Hunt and Kanhai, on to the defensive and they only added five runs to the overnight score in the first 20 minutes of play.

Today's first boundary was hit by Hunt off Hasib, taking the score to 120. At this point Hunt was 52 and Kanhai 50 not out.

With the score at 125, Kanhai struck a ball off Hasib and was caught in the slips by Wallis Mathias for 62.

Kanhai had added 10 to his overnight score of 52, in 37 minutes of play today. Carry Sobers came in to join Hunt and got off the mark by scoring five off Hasib—four runs coming from an overthrow—to take the home side's score to 130.

Sobers reached 11 in 9 minutes with a boundary four hit off Nasimul and the West Indies reached 140 when Hunt made a single off Hasib.

Shortly before today's lunch interval the umpire, Wing Gillette gave West Indies batsman Hunt out for handling the ball. By Pakistan skipper Abdul Kardar, in a sporting gesture, refused to allow the appeal and Hunt continued to bat.

The West Indies before lunch had reached 150 in 105 minutes when Hunt scored a single off Nasimul. They had scored 51 runs in 65 minutes today at this point and reached 100 in a total time of 173 minutes of batting yesterday and today.

By lunch the home team had made 109 for one, after speeding up their scoring to a run a minute in the last stages of the morning session.

Nasimul opened the attack after lunch, bowling a maiden over to Sobers. Hunt reached 75 with two runs off Hasib. Hunt shortly after took his personal score to 80 by driving Hasib through the covers for four.

He then sent the West Indies score up to 200 for one with a single off Hasib on the next ball. Hunt reached 90 with a boundary four off Hasib.

Sobers reached 50 in 117 minutes with a boundary four off Nasimul, sending the score up to 210. A single by Sobers gave the West Indies 225 runs and the Sobers-Hunt partnership 100 runs in 75 minutes.

Hunt reached his century in 219 minutes with a two off right-arm spinner, Shiek Rahman. With the West Indies score at 244, skipper Kardar called for the new ball and spent about five minutes rubbing the ball on the ground to get the shine off, to help the task of his spin bowlers. At this point the West Indies needed 73 runs to win the Test.

On The Board

Sobers and Hunt continued to score freely and Sobers reached 60 with a single, sending the side's total to 240. A single by Sobers gave the West Indies 260 on the board.

Ten runs later Rahman played a patch of rock and called for a tricky ball on to his wicket. Everton Weekes then joined Sobers, exactly 60 minutes before the scheduled tea-time break, and opened his score with a single off Rahman. The West Indies required exactly 50 runs to win after Weekes had edged Hasib to the boundary for four.

Sobers reached 75 with the total score at 275. He hit a boundary off Rahman to take the score to 285 and the Windies topped the 300 mark when Sobers hit a boundary. With the next ball, Sobers took his own score to 101 to make his third consecutive Test century.

Wazir Mohammed was put on to bowl for Pakistan when the West Indies had only nine runs to make for victory. The West Indies won the match when Weekes hit Saeed Akram for a single to take the score to exactly 317.

The Scoreboard

PAKISTAN	
1st Innings 408 and	2nd Innings 118
WEST INDIES	
1st Innings 410	2nd Innings 317
Kanhai, c. Wallis, b. Hasib	62
Hunt, b. Rahman	114
Sobers, not out	109
Weekes, not out	16
Extras	10
Total (for two)	317

Fall of wickets: 1-125, 2-260. —France-Press.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Mar. 19. Leeds United 2, Arsenal 0. Preston North End 2, Newcastle United 1. Portsmouth 2, West Bromwich Albion 2. (Postponed from February 15).

Third Division North: Darlington 1, Scunthorpe 2. League Two: Middlesbrough 2, Leyton Orient 0.

Scottish League One: Celtic 4, Hibernian 0. Hearts 2, Clyde 2. Kilmarock 2, Aberdeen 0. Queen of the South 1, Motherwell 2.

Third Lanark 1, East Fife 2. Rangers 3, Falkirk 1. —Reuter.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS

London, Mar. 19. Results in today's Rugby Union and League matches were:

RUGBY UNION: Hospitals' Cup Final: Guy's Hospital 8 St Thomas's 6. Club Match: Penarth 3 Cardiff 18.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan 20 Whitehaven 0. —Reuter.

ONE FOOT WRONG

By HENRY LONGHURST

In a moderately wide experience of games I have come to conclude that none produces such moments of personal mortification as golf. Being bowled by a full toss, missing a sitting goal and such like are had enough in their way but at least somebody else was engaged in the operation. In golf you have it all to yourself. Such thoughts occurred to me as I stood recently in a small sand bunker in Kuwait.

It was not so much the fact that on a course surrounded by a thousand miles of sand in almost every direction I had driven into the one small patch in which I was unable to ground my club; it was the knowledge—still in the forefront of my mind, since I had been informed only on the previous hole—that it had been put there by my old Halford Hewitt partner, Mr. J. S. Mowson. The mocking comments he would have been making, and will doubtless make when next we meet, were ringing in my ears as I played.

Excellent Job

Nevertheless, from material not wholly designed by Providence for a golf course, I confess that he did an excellent job and, with a stiff breeze blowing in from the Persian Gulf, many of the holes, and especially the tee shots, bear a most authentic air.

If he should live of the golf, the newcomer, not yet so familiar with the scene as to take it for granted, may always gaze down with awe at one of the wonders of the world, namely, its biggest filling station. The tankers come in eight at a time and with a simplicity which makes the operation intelligible even to me are filled up and sent on their way, for all the world like motor-cars at a wayside garage at home.

The only difference is that the answer to "How many, sir?" is liable to be not four gallons but 80,000 tons. The similarity is increased, however, by the fact that tanker skippers—like the owners of so many modern British cars whose designers seem to have overlooked the fact that when petrol goes into the tank air must come out—nearly always add, "And don't put it in too fast."

My wanderings amid blue waters, sand and sunshine, being connected with recording something in celebration of the first 50 years of English Petroleum, have naturally brought me into contact mainly with what are often known, as though they were somehow a race apart, as "oilmen." They have also brought home the truth of a remark made light-heartedly to me some years ago, which I may have quoted before, namely, that in the world of oil men, as in the world of golf, it is not so much what you do as what you do not do.

Better Example

No better example could be found than a hitherto unnamed patch of rock and sand called Das Island, which jut imperceptibly out of the middle of the Gulf, little more than a mile long and three-quarters of a mile wide. Uninhabited throughout recorded history, it is now the base for a fantastic drilling barge which was towed out here some 7,000 miles and stands in the sea on four gigantic legs 20 miles from the island.

On Das, as well as among the 50 men living on the barge, the accents of Scotland predominate, but even I was surprised on stepping out of the aeroplane to be greeted with the inevitable "You must come and inspect our golf course." I was also a little taken aback at being greeted by Mr. Terry Thomas, the film actor—with whom, on the mainland at Bahrain I assisted, sitting cross-legged, in eating a sheep. It seemed impossible that after accommodating 400 people, to say nothing of all their equipment and stores, this barren outpost of Scotland could make room also for a golf course but already, after only three months, there it was, with the nine tees all built, the fairways ready for the bulldozer, the greens marked out, and three Indian tailors hard at work embroidering nine flags with the company's emblem.

Furthermore, with only a slight change of plan, they have a chance, hard beside the waves breaking over the rocky northern shore, of making a hole as majestic and picturesque as the celebrated 10th at Cypress Point in California.

Strange Game

As my journey draws to a close, I look back with wonder at the absolute determination of people to play this strange game wherever life may cast them. Their company and their enthusiasm have been a great delight and I like to think that I have only put one foot wrong. This was in one of the oilfields of Persia where the bulldozers were hard at work on some fine rolling territory of which any golf architect would approve.

In charge—shades of the old days!—was a Mr. Graef, from San Antonio, Texas, the club president. "What do you think of flat fairways?" he said. "Awful!" I naturally replied. This was the wrong thing, Mr. Graef, it transpired, being a good construction engineer with vast implements of destruction at his command, was having to be almost forcibly restrained from flattening the entire course out like an airfield. When I referred to the Gillespie Pendulum Putter on January 20 I expressed some doubt as to its reception by the Rules of Golf Committee. But I am happy to be informed by Mr. Percy J. Gillespie, from Dublin, that a prototype of the club had already been approved by the committee.

Belgian Wins Milan-San Remo Cycling Race

San Remo, Mar. 19. Belgian cyclist Rik Van Looy today won the Milan-San Remo race, the first classic of the international cycling season. Spain's Miguel Poblet was second, France's Andre Darrigade third and Italy's Costantini, Albani and Colletti fourth, fifth and sixth.

Van Looy covered the 282 kilometres in 8 hours, 41 minutes and 9 seconds, a new record. It was the 49th running of the classic.

Altogether 215 riders from nine nations started in the race this morning in a dazzling sun.

Van Looy averaged 42.178 kilometres an hour compared to the previous record of 40.764 kilometres an hour, set by Poblet last year.

Van Looy, a favourite, shaved more than 10 minutes off Poblet's course record of 6 hours, 56 minutes and 51 seconds.

Another Belgian favourite, Rik Van Steenberghe, dropped out after a spill at the 25th kilometre. —France-Press.

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of the Club.

(Signed)

Sports Diary

TODAY
Athletes Executive Committee Meeting, Education Dept., 5.30 p.m.
Swimming Meeting, S.C.M. Post Ltd. Boardroom, 5.30 p.m.

TOMORROW
A.S.F. and O.C. Council Meeting, Club Luncheon, 5.30 p.m.
Badminton Colony Open Championships at CCC starting 7 p.m.
Senior Ladies Doubles final; Senior Mixed Doubles final. First match starts at 7.30 p.m.

ROBINSON AND BASILIO BOTH FIT

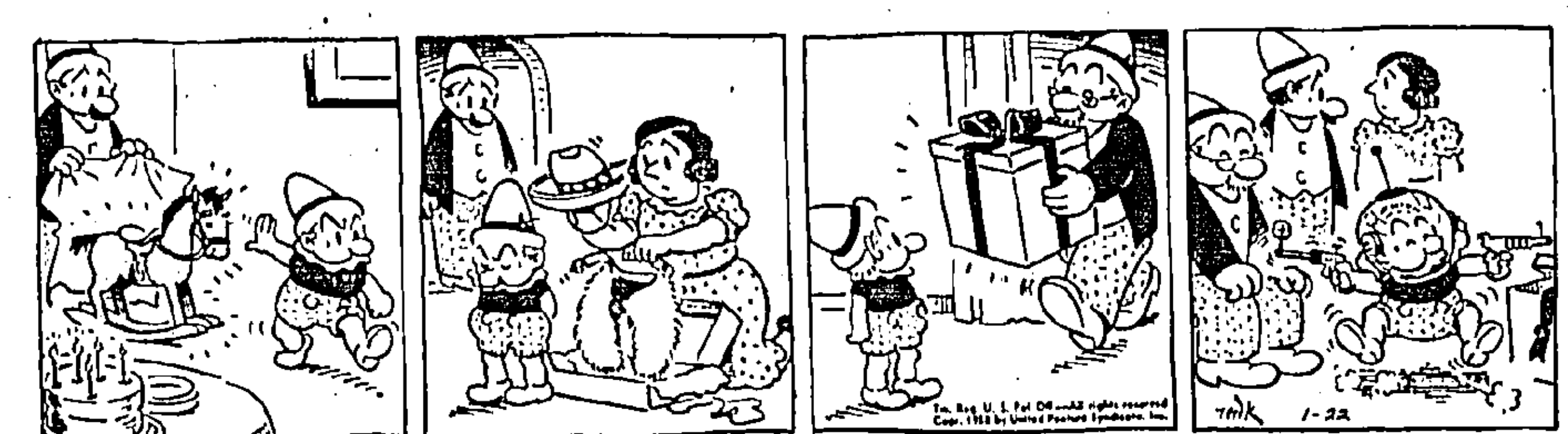
Chicago, Mar. 19. Reigning World Middleweight Boxing Champion Carmen Basilio, and former world champ Sugar Ray Robinson were both passed as fit after an official medical check-up held here tonight for the title fight next week.

Both boxers were slated to be in excellent physical condition. Basilio took the world title from Robinson last year in New York and "Sugar Ray" will try to regain his crown in Chicago on Tuesday, March 25. —France-Press.

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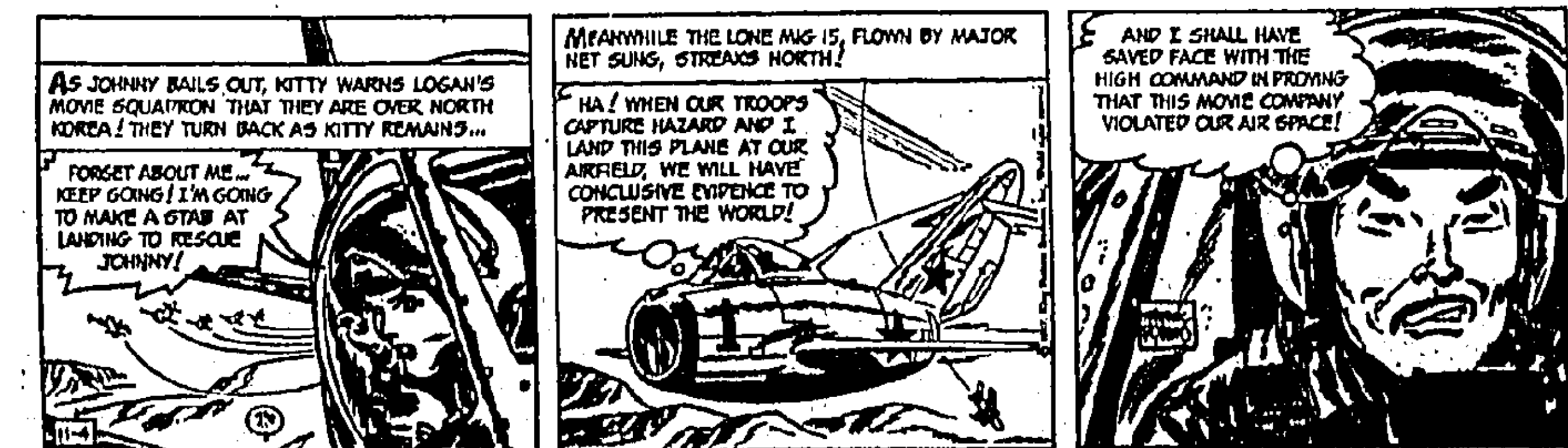
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port of the Directors and
Statement of Accounts for the
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Notice is also given that the
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GOOD KING WENCESLAS' CROWN IS GUARDED BY COMMUNIST MINISTERS

By MICHAEL WEIGALL

Prague, March. 19.

A COMMUNIST Minister of the Interior and a Catholic priest stand guard together today over one of the world's oldest Royal crowns—the six-century-old Wenceslas Crown.

The two are among the present official custodians of the Crown which has been placed on the head of 22 kings of the former kingdom of Bohemia. Under the decree regulating control of the historic jewels, six persons hold the keys to the seven locks on the heavy oak door which leads to the jewel chamber in St. Guy's Cathedral where the Crown of gold, emeralds, pearls and sapphires is kept. No one may visit the chamber, accessible only by a narrow spiral staircase, without the consent of these six persons.

The seven keys are in the hands of four top leaders of the Communist regime—the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Interior and the Speaker of Parliament—of the Lord Mayor of Prague and of the Metropolitan Capitular Vicar of the city, its leading Catholic dignitary. The priest, Father Antonin Stehlik, who has two of the keys, supports the Communist regime and holds one of its top decorations.

In Exile

Father Stehlik is acting as head of the Prague Archdiocese in the absence of Archbishop Beran, now living under guard in a monastery "somewhere in Bohemia" following his exile from Prague on political grounds.

Regarded as a symbol of the freedom and independence of Czechoslovakia, the crown, one of the richest collection of jewels in the world, was made for the coronation, in 1347, of King Charles IV of Bohemia, who founded the famous University here which bears his name. Charles named the Crown after Wenceslas, the son of the first Christian king of Bohemia, who was martyred in the 10th century and whose name is known to all Anglo-Saxons through the famous Christmas carol.

The Wenceslas Crown has had a chequered history. Crowned used for the coronation of Wenceslas had been placed upon his head at his death in 930. But Charles IV's father, Jean de Luxembourg, in need of ready cash to pay his mer-

cenary army, sold this to Jewish merchants. Outraged by his father's action, and in need of a crown to put on his own head, Charles IV had a search made for it. He found it in a Jewish shop. Only a solid gold cross was found, however, and this Charles IV had fitted to the top of a new crown, the one now lying in the jewel chamber of Prague Cathedral.

Tradition

The Cross, inscribed in Latin with the words "here lies a thorn from the Crown of Christ", traditionally contains a thorn from the Crown of Thorns worn by Our Lord during His Passion.

Placed by Charles on Wenceslas' head, the new Crown was removed for safety during later wars and kept awhile at Karlstein castle, near Prague, and then in Vienna during the reign of the last Emperor of Austria. After protests from Czech nobles at this "exile", it was returned to Prague in 1791 in great pomp for the coronation of Leopold II.

Peasantry lined the road most of the way, and the Mayor of Prague, brandishing a sword, stood guard personally over the Crown in the coach.

The Wenceslas Crown returned to Vienna in 1899 during a war against Prussia but was brought back to Prague afterwards to the Cathedral jewel chamber.

Modelled on the Crown of France, the Wenceslas Crown has four hilts, and four gold rings with the golden Cross retrieved from the earlier crown, itself surmounted by a smaller one of sapphires.

The Crown has 30 emeralds, 20 pearls and 45 red spinels. Its gold casing is one millimetre thick, and among its 19 sapphires is the third largest in the world, of 800-330 carats.

A Legend

With the Crown is a 20-inch long sceptre, dating from the reign of Rudolf II but decorated with precious stones used by Charles IV; a nine-inch-diameter ball, also from Rudolf II; a crystal for Holy Oil, dating from Charles IV's

reign; a Coronation cloak with ermine collar; and a ten-century-old sword once used by Rudolf II had the sceptre and ball altered because he disliked the stern, Gothic style chosen by Charles IV.

A legend says that anyone lying on the Wenceslas Crown without authority will be damned for ever. When S.S. General Reinhard Heydrich came to Prague during World War II as governor of Bohemia and Moravia, he collected all seven keys and went to the chamber where he tried on the Crown. He also placed it on the heads of his two sons. Within a year all three were dead, Heydrich himself assassinated by anti-Nazi partisans in a street in Prague.

The Crown and other jewels were last shown in public during the Sportsklade International Sports rally here in 1955. Officials are now discussing the possibility of a permanent exhibition.

The jewel chamber, with its tiled floor, is decorated with shields bearing the Bohemian Lion, the She-Eagle of Moravia and the personal emblems of the Archbishops of Prague and Olomouc, in Moravia. The jewels and the cloak are locked in a safe inside a Gothic cupboard set on an oak table. Panels of the cupboard bear portraits of the Kings of Bohemia.

Two small windows, with vertical and horizontal iron bars, let the only light into the chamber, which is built into the south-west corner of the St. Wenceslas Chapel inside the Cathedral. The Cathedral, started by Charles IV, stands in the shadow of Hradcany Castle, the official residence today of Mr. Antonin Novotny, Czechoslovakia's third Communist President and holder of one of the seven keys—China Mail Special.

From DAVID GORDON



Tokyo (By Airmail)

JAPAN'S co-operation in "building a new Asia" was pledged by Foreign Minister, Aichihiro Fujiyama, in an opening speech at a three-day Tokyo conference of Japanese diplomatic and consular officers from countries in the Asia-Pacific area.

Mr. Fujiyama said such co-operation would involve two steps: (1) extending sincere aid in the economic development of Asian nations and (2) helping to elevate Asia's status so that united efforts by Asian nations will contribute to world peace. He added that Japan's experience in industrialising herself could serve as a valuable reference for other Asian countries and expressed a wish to meet government leaders responsible for economic development in those countries so that sincere aid could be offered by Japan.

Precipitated

The conference was the first of its kind called by Mr. Fujiyama since he assumed office, and the sixth since the end of the war. It is believed that the new Foreign Minister is trying to formulate a guiding principle for future diplomatic relations with countries in the area, in the light of recent developments in China's peace offensive. He reportedly holds the view that China will come to have an increasingly strong influence in Asia, if not the world, and that relations between Japan and China should be based on a new basis.

Even as the conference was in progress, that same Sino-Japanese trade agreement, precipitated a crisis in Japan's relations with the Nationalist Chinese Government on Taiwan.

Protecting angrily against Japan's signing of the agreement with the Communist regime, on the mainland, the Nationalists abruptly suspended negotiations in Taipei for a new one-year trade pact with Taiwan to date from April 1. They also hinted that they might break off diplomatic relations with Japan, unless fully satisfied that her agreement with the mainland would not lead to Japan's de facto recognition of the Communist Government.

Reports from Taiwan said that the trade accord between Peking and Tokyo had raised a storm in the Taiwan parliament, and that a resolution was adopted urging that strong action be taken "to protect our country's rights and interests". The reports also said that Chow Hui-ho, influential former chair-man of the Foreign Relations Committee, accused the Nationalist Government of using a "too soft" policy towards Japan. "I always believed that Japan was a country you could not trust," he was quoted as saying.

Personal protests from Chiang Kai-shek also were delivered through the Nationalist Chinese ambassador to Prime Minister Fujiyama. They moved to smooth things out by explaining that the trade agreement was strictly "unofficial" and had nothing to do with recognition of the Communist regime. The Prime Minister also planned to write Chiang a personal letter, seeking his understanding and arguing that the suspended trade talks be resumed.

Meanwhile, word was received from China that an advance team of trade officials will be sent to Japan about May to prepare for the holding of a trade fair in Nagoya in September and one in Fukuoka in November. Another advance party also is expected to arrive next Tuesday to make working arrangements for the Sino-

Japanese iron and steel barter agreement signed in Peking on February 26. Enquiries for 63,730 tons of iron and steel products already have been received from Peking, according to iron and steel manufacturers. This was said to amount to about 40 per cent of the agreement's initial year goal of £10 million in value and from 160,000 to 170,000 tons in quantity. The products sought included shipbuilding steel, boiler plates, galvanised iron sheets, boiler tubes and steel sheets. Prices submitted by Japanese manufacturers, however, were said to be unsatisfactory to Peking, and are expected to be one of the main items discussed when the advance party arrives.

Problem

Another knotty problem dealt with by the Government during the week was the selection of a suitable official to replace Tanejiro Hiratsuka as head of the Japanese delegation conducting fisheries talks in Moscow.

Hiratsuka declined to return to Moscow when asked by Prime Minister Kishi and was decided to appoint Agriculture and Forestry Minister, Munenori Akagi to replace him. Akagi, accompanied by Agriculture Forestry Vice-Minister, Tomomatsu Shomi, and the heads of three leading fishing concerns, is scheduled to leave for Moscow on March 18. He stated he hopes to settle the fisheries issue by April 10. Full authority has been given him and, in addition, he will bear a letter from Prime Minister Kishi to Soviet leaders.

The Diet barely managed to keep in session, due to absenteeism by members said to be preparing for the expected general elections. There is still a possibility of an election in November. Another advance party also is expected to arrive next Tuesday to make working arrangements for the Sino-

to dissolve the Diet in April. They plan to introduce a resolution against Foreign Minister Fujiyama and Finance Minister Hasegawa Ichinada after March 20. On the labour front, the spring offensive for wage raises was speeded up with strikes and demonstrations being staged by private railway and Government workers and coal miners. As in the past, coming out on strike was expected to be reached through mediation efforts by the Central Labour Relations Board.

Criticism

Mounting public criticism of the terrible traffic toll has finally brought reaction from the Minister of Transport and the police. The former said he will "take remedial measures" to end the speeding taxi menace and the latter plans to "warn" taxi companies against forcing their drivers to speed. There is no noticeable effect in Tokyo, so far, and the slaughter continues.

Police apathy to the crazy antics of the taxis is in stark contrast to the alleged brutal treatment they dealt out to a young student part-time worker who, it was claimed, ignored a traffic signal while driving a three-wheeled truck. The youth said he was taken to a police station, questioned, beaten and had his head banged against a table. The Civil Liberties Bureau is investigating the case.

Another case during the week that stirred Tokyo in a different way, and had the police scanning their well-thumbed spy manuals. The partly decomposed body of a man police fished out of Tokyo Bay was identified as that of a former member of the American Army, Sergeant Ernest E. Dugan, 39, of Cranston, Pa., described as an "intelligence agent." His case took on a cloak-and-dagger flavour when it was also discovered that he had spoken fluent Chinese and had disappeared on February 4, after telling his wife he had things to take care of and he had handed her his life insurance policy. "I don't return to my home," he had said. "I need this."

BOOK REVIEW

THE STORY OF HONGKONG

THE Hongkong Business Symposium is a new local publication which describes itself as a compilation of authoritative views on the administration, commerce and resources of Britain's Far Eastern outpost.

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EVERY TRADE

Every trade, every profession, every service, every faculty, makes its own contribution to this fascinating publication compiled by Mr. J. M. Braga.

A message from Sir Alexander Grantham, a greeting from the Rt. Hon. Alan Lennox-Boyd, a poem from the poet Edmund Blunden send the book on its way, while an article written by the late Sir Robert Ho Tung, K. B. E., LL.D., introduces the tale of the Colony. The Hon. A. G. Clarke, C. M. G., tells of the intricacies of the Exchange and Exchange Control, and the Hon. Michael Turner, C. B. E., introduces the subject of Banking.

Transport ranges from the days of the huge picture-postcard sailing ship and travel through the years until we stop off at the new airport at Kai Tak where an article from the pen of M. J. Muspratt-Williams tells the story of Hongkong's airports.

A considerable portion of the large index is taken up by the shipping lines which again tell the adventurous story of pioneer work, and finish at that part where they occupy these new lofty buildings which have transformed Hongkong's skyline from picturesque to modern skyscraper.

A fascinating article is contributed by Colonel H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., E.D., which tells of horse-racing in Hongkong. Page 353 shows an early picture of the racecourse with no stands, but all the eager types standing around shaded only the huge umbrellas still sported by the more romantic.

INTERESTING

A review cannot tell the head-and-tail part of this interesting journal, and one marvels at the industry the compiler has at his command to bring together from every department of the Colony's interests, so many articles and pictures that tell of a century's growth.

Those who lack the resources of time and patience to compile such a collection, yet who feel they would like to have at hand in one volume the story and picture of Hongkong, can do no better than obtain this volume which holds the Hongkong story between two very excellently illustrated covers—J. L.

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China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "X... The Unknown." Dean Jagger in some science-fiction.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Daniel Boone, Trail Blazer."

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Peyton Place." Lana Turner and Hope Lange in a strong small town drama.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "The Pride And The Passion." Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra and Sophia Loren in a technicolour drama.

ALHAMBRA: "The Lastest Gun Alive." Glen Ford in a Western. 9.30 p.m.: "Scarlet Doll." A Chinese picture.

CAPITOL: "The Three Sisters." A Chinese picture.

RITZ: "Only The Valiant." Gregory Peck.

ORIENTAL: "Invisible Boy." Science-fiction.

MAJESTIC: "The Great Locomotive Chase." A Walt Disney production.

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SHIPPING

OIL FREIGHT
RATES FALL

London. The recent recovery in oil tanker freight rates has been short-lived. Demand by charterers last week was not strong enough to keep Persian Gulf-to-Continental rates at the British Ministry of Transport Scale minus 40 per cent level achieved during the previous week.

With fewer cargoes available, rates closed at around Scale minus 50-55 per cent and charterers are now suggesting an even lower level of about minus 55 per cent.

According to one broker, "we can see slightly lower rates, fewer cargoes on the market, and quite a number of tankers looking for employment in March."

"If these tankers, of course, do not get the right employment, or a rate which will enable them to trade, there is no doubt that there will be further ships going into lay-up, thus adding to the total of about 225 presently laid-up, the deadweight tonnage of which is nearly 3.5 million deadweight tons."

Once again the market recognizes the basic fact that only the re-entry of such major charterers as I.T.P., Shell and Esso seeking a considerable volume of tonnage can produce a fairly permanent recovery in freight rates above their current depressed levels.

The Western loading market was again fairly inactive last week and rates from the Caribbean to Britain or Continent of Europe remained at about Scale minus 55 per cent. In the American coastwise trade, rates ended the week at around United States Maritime Commission Scale minus 5 1/2 per cent.

There has been little business in the period market. A Swedish tanker of 14,500 tons was chartered from the East Mediterranean to River Elbe, Germany, at Scale minus 45 per cent in early March.

IMPRESSIVE SHOW
OF SHIPS' FENDERS

London. Lloyd's List shows that an average of seven ships a day collide with the quayside and jetties somewhere in the world, and though in many cases damage is slight, the total cost runs into many thousands of pounds.

Peter Marshall reported recently in the BBC programme "Radio Newsweek" on the invention he had watched the Royal Navy testing at Portsmouth Dockyard, which is designed to protect both ships and jetties from damage during berthing operations.

This is the Tweddell compression fender, named after Captain Tweddell, the retired Naval officer who invented it. Three fenders were used in the demonstration, which Marshall described as impressive.

"I saw 22-thousand tons of aircraft carrier (the 'Albion') compress the fenders by two or three feet, and bring the ship gently to rest."

The old type of solid wooden fender often caused more damage than it saved, Marshall pointed out, but the new type fender, which it was planned to put into production soon, might solve the problem and turn out to be a very valuable invention.

PLASTIC TANKERS

Hamburg. A new company, the Deutsche Nevo Tank GmbH, has been formed in Hamburg to produce plastic tankers for long-haul oil transport, originally a British idea. The containers are made from neoprene-covered material of 0.8 mm. thickness, surrounded by a net of Manila ropes, and are divided into various cells separated by plastic walls with small holes in them. A special valve is used to fill and empty the containers which, depending on the weight of their contents, are submerged 80 or 90 per cent.

While the model container of 100 ft (30 metres) length is to be used for river transport, the sea-going units will be about 200 feet (70 metres) long and have a capacity of 8,000 tons. A sea-going tug could tow two such containers.

USE OF FLAGS
OF CONVENIENCE

London. Britain and other naval Powers have been urged in a report published recently in Paris to fight the growing use of flags of convenience by shipping companies.

The term refers to the flags of Panama, Liberia, Honduras and Costa Rica—countries "not easy shipping registrars" at low rates of tax to shipping companies.

The report, published by the Maritime Transport Committee of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, urges Britain, the United States, Norway, Japan and other naval powers to make it more attractive for shipping companies to register ships in their own countries.

Shipowners operating under flags of convenience had the advantage of negligible profits tax levied by the countries concerned, and cheaper crews, said the report.

They could plough back into their fleets a larger proportion of their profits, and therefore expand more rapidly.

The report said it could not, at present, recommend any international action against the use of flags of convenience, but added that it did not follow that individual countries should not take appropriate measures.

GREEK TALKS
POSTPONED

London, Mar. 19. A proposed joint meeting here of Greek shipowners of London and New York to discuss a scheme for the controlled lay-up of tramp shipping has been postponed, it was learned today.

Mr. Z. Pappas, secretary of the Greek Shipowners' Corporation committee, said today he had not been told of the arrival date of the New York delegates, who were expected here last week.

The Greek plan, drawn up to fight falling freight rates and a lack of cargo, has left many tramp ships operating at a loss, provides for a controlled lay-up of unprofitable tonnage with compensation.

The United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping is meanwhile sounding the opinions of tramp operators. Many British owners have stated they do not favour any collective measures at the moment.—Reuter.

DRY FREIGHT
UNCHANGED

London. Once again, chartering has been extremely limited in the dry freight market with rates generally unchanged. Heavy grain at the end of the week was fixed from the North Pacific coast at 62/6d per ton, April-May, and from the North Pacific to Pusan at 58/7 1/2, free discharge.

A vessel was fixed for two voyages for coal from Hampton Roads to Antwerp, Rotterdam or Amsterdam at 23/6d a ton, commencing March, while a contract was arranged for coal voyages from Hampton Roads to West Italy at 54/15 per ton from April to December.

Grain shippers have fixed a part cargo from North Pacific to California at 62/6d per ton, April, while a cargo of lumber and general goods from British Columbia to Britain secured the improved rate of 63/8d per ton, for March.

SUEZ SHIPPING

Suez, Mar. 19. Mahmoud Younis, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Suez Canal Company, said today that ships with a 35-foot draught will be permitted to sail through the canal before the end of April.

In a speech in Suez, Younis said the canal would be navigable for ships with a 37 foot draught within two years and that work to that end had already been started at Port Said.—France-Press.

The World Cotton
Surplus

Washington, Mar. 19. The International Advisory Committee predicted today further progress this season toward liquidation of the world cotton surplus.

The prediction was made in the committee's February Review, which was released through the facilities of the United States Agriculture Department. The Secretariat of the 32-nation Inter-Governmental Committee is located here. "Offtake will exceed production and by a margin larger than in 1956-57," the Committee said. "The deficit is estimated at roughly 2,500,000 bales and stocks will decline to their lowest level in five years, expressed in terms of consumption, stocks will represent less than six months supply, which historically can be considered as approaching normal. In fact there is no longer an surplus of good grades and the surplus situation in the extra long staples has been relieved somewhat by the abnormally small crop in Sudan."

World production now is estimated at 39,400,000 bales, down 1,700,000 bales from last season. Average restriction in the United States by 2,000,000 bales. Elsewhere in the free world, acreage was in the aggregate only fractionally less than in 1956-57 but, with higher yields in several countries, total production is expected to be about half a million bales higher than last season's 15,900,000 bales. "Significant large crops in Mexico and Egypt, and then offset the decline in production in Sudan, Turkey and Brazil. Production in the Soviet Union is down slightly from last season."

"Crushed textile production in the United States and Japan is expected to call a temporary halt to the continuous expansion of cotton consumption of recent years, and world consumption may be somewhat lower than last season's record 42,000,000 bales."

"Sales to date under the U.S. special export programme total 5,300,000 bales and exports for the full season should exceed 5,500,000 bales compared to 7,000,000 in 1956-57."—United Press

W. German
Tyre
Production

Frankfurt, Mar. 19. West German tyre production rose to 184,378 tons last year compared with 176,479 tons, in 1956, according to statistics issued by the Rubber Product Manufacturers Association today.

Although the development of production was favourable in general, it indicated that the rate of expansion continued to slow down, the Association said.

One of the reasons was a certain saturation of the home market, which also explained why most rubber goods producers had extended their output of technical rubber products.

Output of bicycle, motorcycle and motorcar tyres fell 5.6 per cent and for tyres 5.7 per cent. Passenger car tyre production increased more than 11 per cent.

The Association said the West German rubber industry was generally not worried about the effects of the Common European Market, but it also did not expect a marked increase in sales within the market.

The strong position of some big rubber companies in their national markets would hardly be affected by the gradual abolition of customs barriers within the European economic community.—China Mail Special.

New York Metal
Futures

New York, Mar. 19. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead March	11.40
May	11.45
July	11.50
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Sheaffer's
NEW BALLPOINT
STERLING SILVER TIP

LONG ARMS RACE FACING WESTERN WORLD

Washington, Mar. 19.
The Defence Secretary, Neil H. McElroy, warned today that the free world faces a long arms race with the Communists, and the victory "may fall to the side with greatest staying power."

Mr. McElroy testified as the first witness before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of the Administration's request for US\$3,900,000,000 in military, economic and technical aid.

Some of the Programme's strongest supporters concede that it faces real trouble in Congress.

The United States and its allies, Mr. McElroy said, "must shape their military programme so as not to jeopardise long-term political and economic stability."

"We are now in a period when in the event of total conflict between the two great Powers catastrophic destruction could result," he said. "The United States and its allies are determined to maintain such power and such readiness that it will be clear to any potential attacker that the price of a massive surprise attack would be a counter blow of devastating effectiveness."

Remote

So long as this position is maintained, he said, the West feels certain that the "likelihood of all-out nuclear warfare will remain relatively remote."

The Secretary cautioned that the Communists would not abandon their drive for world domination and can be expected to intensify their efforts in areas where "the price of conflict would not be so high."—United Press.

HK DOCKYARD

COLONIAL SECRETARY ANSWERS

London, Mar. 19.
Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, told the House of Commons today that of the 396 workers so far discharged at the Hongkong Naval Dockyard only 15 below normal retiring age were now unemployed.

A Labour MP, Mr Stanley Auber, had asked what was being done to give alternative employment and training for workers who would be dismissed when the British naval base closed down next year.

The Colonial Secretary said: "To make it easier for dockyard workers to find other jobs they are being discharged gradually over two years."

CO-OPERATING

He added: "An employment advisory committee and an employment liaison office have been set up. On these bodies the civil and service authorities and local employers are co-operating admirably and of the 396 workers so far discharged only 15 below normal retiring age are now unemployed.

"The question of training arises only for apprentices and trade boys. These will go on being trained in the dockyard as long as possible and when they are discharged every effort will be made to get them re-employed where training can continue."—Reuter.

Ex-Queen Soraya At Fashion Show

Duesseldorf, Mar. 19.
As public interest in her divorce from the Shah of Iran died down, ex-Queen Soraya visited a fashion show here today.

Officials at the Iranian Embassy in Cologne, where Soraya is staying with her parents in the Iranian Embassy residence, said Soraya later dined at a Duesseldorf restaurant.

Soraya has not yet decided when to leave Germany and where she will go, officials said.

At the same time, Embassy spokesmen denied reports that Soraya's Court Chamberlain, Moushine Ghurazlou, does not intend to return to Teheran. The Chamberlain intends to return to the Iranian capital around the middle of April after visiting France and Belgium, spokesmen said.—United Press.

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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS TODAY?



Three of the tourists, who arrived on board the luxury liner ss Statendam this morning from Manila. They are from left to right, Mrs. A. J. Martin, Mrs. Yorke Nicholson and Mrs. K. Engelsted. — China Mail Photo.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRITIC REPLIES

To The Editor, China Mail.

Sir,—With reference to the letter signed "F. F. Seelight" in yesterday's issue, it is a fact that I have been for a short time a committee member of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society. This fact was made known to you as soon as I was asked to succeed Dr R. A. Bones as music critic. My identity must be obvious to everyone as I do not contribute under any pseudonym. Since I am relatively new to the Philharmonic Society, there are many matters concerning it on which I am ignorant. However, I am not ashamed to ask questions—and did so, as I reported earlier. I am sorry if this has given the impression of insincerity.

I agree with your correspondent that it is not altogether desirable to have someone closely associated with any particular organisation standing in a sense, in judgment on that organisation; but I can assure your correspondent that I do endeavour at all times to take a detached view of any subject on which I report. In addition, it should be remembered that the Philharmonic Society's concerts form only a small proportion of the musical functions a critic is called upon to review.

However, regarding my short association with the Philharmonic Society, there seems to be ample precedent in Hongkong for your permitting me to offer my contributions, even on performances by this Society. I am in good company.

I understand that the present music critic of another paper, and a former critic of the China Mail (writing under a pseudonym) were both members of the committee of the Sino-British Music Group for a period of about four years, while they contributed to their respective newspapers. I also understand that the Chairman of the Music Society, (also writing under a pseudonym) "stood in" for the critic of another paper at the Ian Wilson concert when he played with the Philharmonic Orchestra in January—a concert sponsored by the Music Society.

I verily believe that the dual loyalties involved in the above instances did not affect in any way the sincerity and objectiveness of the reports in question.

D. E. GRAY

MGM DIRECTOR ARRIVING

Mr Seymour R. Mayer, Regional Director of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Films is arriving in Hongkong tomorrow, and staying for two days before going on to Manila.

Mr Mayer's visit happens to coincide with the release to Hongkong of some of MGM's biggest productions for years.

Another Tourist Luxury Liner In Port

The Holland-America Line's 24,294-ton luxury liner, the ss Statendam, steamed into port on her first round-the-world cruise this morning with 301 passengers aboard.

Commanded by Captain Cornelis Hagmann, a veteran of 41 years with Holland-America, the vessel sailed from New York on January 7 on the 110-day and 32,293-mile cruise.

The Statendam is the second cruise liner to come here this month (The Kungholm left for Kobe early this morning) and the third this year.

The current itinerary of the sleek liner includes calls at 26 ports in the Cape Verde Islands, Sierra Leone, Angola, South-west Africa, Zanzibar, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Thailand, Philippines, Formosa, Ryukyu Islands, Japan, Hawaiian Islands, Mexico and the Canal Zone.

Soon after the arrival of the Statendam the tourists, who had paid the average of US\$7,000, immediately set off on tours of the Island and New Territories.

15 MONTHS FOR TWO WOMEN

A 32-year-old woman who was caught in the act of stealing a wrist watch and bracelet valued at \$640, was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment by Mr A. L. Leathlean at Central Court, this morning.

The defendant, Ho Fan, was charged with larceny in a dwelling, and a second defendant, Lo Wai-hing, a 46-year-old woman was charged with aiding and abetting the first defendant. She pleaded guilty and was also imprisoned for 15 months.

On March 17, at 10 Shu Kuk Street, second floor, the defendants entered the house of Cheng Shuk-kam, on the pretence of renting a room. They both entered Cheng's room and while the second defendant engaged Cheng in conversation, the first defendant tried to steal the wrist watch and bracelet.

While she was doing so, however, Cheng saw her and detained both of them. She then called the Police and both defendants were arrested. Both defendants had previous convictions.

13 ACCUSED TO APPEAR IN COURT

Thirteen accused, including a woman, will be arraigned before Mr Justice A.D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions tomorrow on various charges of robbery, arms possession, rape and murder.

The accused, who will appear in six different cases, are Lau Pun-shing and Lau Yuk-chuen charged with robbery with aggravation; Chan Man-lun and Wong Mei, a woman, charged with six counts of housebreaking and five of receiving stolen property; Choi Lung-hung and Lai Fai, charged with possession of arms; Tse Wai-yeo, charged with murder; Lam Chan-kuang and Chow Shu-yun, on various charges of robbery with aggravation, rape, assault occasioning bodily harm, indecent assault and attempting to strangle a person with intent to commit an indictable offence; and Lau Sau, Kot Sin-yue, Hau Shiu-chi and Lee Ho-sun, on various charges of robbery with aggravation and receiving stolen property.

American Journalist Ambassadors

Japan Air Lines are currently busy transforming a party of American newsmen, guests of the Airline, into active ambassadors for Hongkong on their return to the States.

Flown out to the Orient on JAL's inaugural DC-7C flight a segment of the cross-Pacific party have come down to Hongkong to enjoy themselves and gather material for newspaper and magazine articles on their return home.

The guests include Robert Martin, Travel Editor, New York Herald Tribune; Virginia Kelly, Travel Editor, Newsweek Magazine; Robert Prall, Feature Writer, New York World Telegram and Sun; Theodorica Stavrum, Fashion Editor, San Francisco News and Mr and Mrs William A. Hogan, Honolulu District Director, US Immigration and Naturalisation Service.

Telephone Company Made Nearly \$7 Million

The Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd held their 29th annual meeting today and shareholders approved the payment of a dividend of \$1.50 per share and a cash bonus of 25 cents per share.

The Chairman, Mr H. R. M. Cleland, proposed the adoption of the Directors' report and statement of accounts.

The company made a net profit of \$6,850,889. After appropriations, it was proposed to carry forward \$1,307,324.

Seconding, Mr U-z Wing said:

"I am sure that all members will wish to be associated with you, Sir, in expressing our sympathy to Mrs Pugh on the death of her late husband who did so much for the prosperity of this Company and for the expansion of the telephone service in the community."

Your report and statement show that the Company continues to prosper and that there are sound reasons to expect that that prosperity will increase as the development programme is implemented.

Constant Watch

Looking round the Colony and seeing the innumerable building schemes that are under way makes us realise the constant watch that our Directors must keep on the future development programme of this Company to enable us to meet the demand for telephone service. That this is being done is exemplified by the fact that a new major exchange was completed last year and a further two will be completed by the end of the next year or early 1960. The bringing into service of three major exchanges in such a short time is an achievement on which our Directors surely deserve our congratulations.

I am sure that members will agree with me that the financial results of the year's operations are very satisfactory.

I should like to associate myself, and all members, with the Chairman in his remarks about the work of the staff.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, Mr G. O. W. Stewart, and Mr H. D. M. Barton were re-elected Directors (proposed by Dr Mok Tin-tai and seconded by Mr Lee Yat-ngo).

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors at a fee to be arranged between themselves and the company (proposed by Mr W. Paterson and seconded by Mr J. Dickson Leach).

Resolution

After the annual meeting, an extraordinary general meeting was held at which the following special resolution was carried unanimously:

"The Directors (other than a managing director) shall be paid

out of the funds of the Company remuneration for their services at the rate of HK\$5,000 per annum for each director other than the chairman, and the chairman shall be paid out of the funds of the company remuneration for his services at the rate of HK\$10,000 per annum. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue de die in diem. Each director shall be paid such further sums (if any) as the company in general meeting shall from time to time determine."

This new article replaces Article 100.

The resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr P. W. Coppen.

Children's Garden Visitors

Mr George F. Johnston, President of Washington Video Production Inc., accompanied by his assistant, Mr William Brooks, arrived here by air this morning to direct and photograph a coloured motion picture of the ceremonies and entertainment marking the dedication of Children's Garden at Wu Kwai Shan, New Territories, this Saturday afternoon.

When completed, this picture will be shown on an entire NBC network in America. It will be carried by 75 per cent of the TV stations and some 40 million viewers will see this Hongkong event.

Mr Johnston will also take shots of the entertainment aspects of the dedication ceremony and the colourful uniforms of the Korean Orphan Band now in Hongkong for the ceremony.

Following this assignment, Mr Johnston will also direct and photograph a 35mm film, depicting the story of the work for many years among Hongkong's needy orphaned children undertaken by the Christian Children's Fund Incorporated of Richmond, Virginia.

Arriving from Manila to attend the same event was Mr T. Nelson Parker, President of the Board of Directors of this American Institute. Mr Parker is accompanied by his wife.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mr. Bixby, if you like my work so well, will you put it in writing? You fired me twice last week, you know!"

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AN attempted robbery at the business office of the vernacular newspaper, Wah Kiu Yat Po, was foiled early yesterday (March 14) morning when four men armed with an automatic pistol and two daggers were apprehended by the Police who arrived earlier on the scene and set a trap for the robbers. "Information received" resulted in a number of policemen and detectives awaiting the arrival of the robbers. The four men were apprehended outside the main entrance and a search of them disclosed the arms.

According to a telegram from Bombay, the partisans of the Indian Congress have again begun to set fire to post office letter boxes.

LONDON—The directors of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce today (March 13) approved a resolution declaring that the preferential duties of 10 per cent in favour of British cotton and artificial silk textiles now operating in the Federated Malay States are having little effect in checking Japanese competition. The Chamber is proposing to make urgent representations to the Government with a view to securing further efforts to safeguard British trade.

The Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club scored a distinct triumph at the King's Theatre last night (March 14) when the premiere of "Nine Till Six," a play by Philip Sturges, climaxed a three day tour given in a packed house. The play is remarkable for the fact that women comprise the entire cast....

CANTON—The 50th anniversary of Freemasonry in Canton under the "Lodge Star of Southern China" was celebrated in a fitting manner on Saturday (March 8) with a record gathering of 64 Masons present. Hongkong Masonic Lodges sent up approximately 45 brethren, including the Deputy District Grand Master Wor. Bro. MacPherson, who represented District Grand Lodge in place of Rt Wor. Bro. J. P. Owen-Hughes. A factor which helped to swell the number present was the holding of the annual installation ceremony of the Shamen Mark Lodge on the same afternoon. Rt Wor. Bro. Jeffries, the District Grand Master of Mark Masonry in South China, visiting Shamen together with his supporting officers at the same time to conduct the installation ceremony.

Nadir Khan, King of Afghanistan, has forbidden his subjects to marry Europeans.

A RECORD for earnings and net profit was disclosed by the Chairman of Directors of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., the Hon. Mr C. G. Mackie, at the 44th ordinary yearly meeting of the company yesterday (March 15). Addressing the shareholders, the Hon. Mr Mackie said:—Gentlemen, the net profit after taxation and depreciation is \$1,897,788.43 with the sum of \$136,336.11 brought forward from last account, we have a sum of \$1,994,122.54 for appropriation and with this we propose to pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share, absorbing \$1,250,000; to pay a bonus dividend of 25 cents per share, absorbing \$112,500; to place in reserve \$600,000; to carry forward to next account \$150,022.94.

The French sailing cruiser Jeanne D'Arc, after a stay of four days in Hongkong, left the Colony to continue its world cruise. The Jeanne D'Arc is en-route to Shanghai, and from there will proceed to China, Japan and America, returning to France via the Panama Canal.

THE exhibits show you that Hongkong is not backward in producing flowers and vegetables that would be a credit to any place," said the President of the Hongkong Horticultural Society (Mr J. T. Barran) addressing the large crowd which attended the opening of the 27th annual flower and vegetable show at Volunteer Headquarters ground yesterday.